PRESIDENTIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2020-2021
Dear applicants,

Thank you for your interest in the Presidential Internship Program at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane. At AUI, we value young leadership, cross-cultural exchange, and learning that builds successful careers. These values are the pillars of the Presidential Internship Program, which attracts some of the brightest graduates from U.S.-style, liberal arts colleges from around the world.

Across campus, we are eager to learn from our Presidential Interns, whose undergraduate leadership and passion for a global liberal arts education strengthen the mission of our university. Previous cohorts of Presidential Interns have demonstrated their commitment to their jobs by strengthening on-going projects and even launching new office initiatives. Presidential Interns also contribute to the community outside of their offices by joining recreational sports teams, organizing theme campaigns, and facilitating English conversation groups, for example.

While in Morocco, we encourage Presidential Interns to travel often and deliberately. Our interns encounter culture, relationships, languages, and ideas that foster curiosity and understanding across difference.

I look forward to reinforcing our Presidential Internship Program with your participation and suggestions.

AMINE BENSaida
President
Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane
Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) launched its Presidential Internship program (PiP) in Fall 2016. The program provides recent graduates from American-style universities around the world an opportunity to learn about Moroccan culture and language, while working at an American-model university. Our campus sits amid Morocco’s Middle Atlas Mountains in the quiet, mountaintop town of Ifrane, which is 45 minutes away from Fez, Morocco’s second largest city, and Spiritual capital of Morocco.

Interns spend one academic year working at AUI. Each intern is a full member of one or more AUI unit that aligns with their professional interests and goals. Interns are entitled to enroll in one tuition-free course each semester and are especially encouraged to take language courses.

Interns enjoy rent-free housing, a monthly stipend, health insurance, on-campus healthcare, and access to all campus amenities (library, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, shuttles, cafés, etc.).

AUI welcomes Presidential Intern applicants from all nationalities and citizenship statuses who have American-style, liberal arts undergraduate degrees. Please note that students who have completed the entirety of their undergraduate educations in Morocco are not eligible to apply. The internship is designed to allow graduates from other nationalities the opportunity to live and work in Ifrane, and experience the Moroccan culture and language.
EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS & BENEFITS

WORK ARRANGEMENTS, STIPEND & BENEFITS

The AUI Presidential Internship Program will begin with an orientation program in late August 2020 that will provide interns time to get settled both at AUI and within their offices. The first day of work will be the start of September and end June 30, 2021. Each intern will undergo an evaluation by their supervisor in late December/early January in order to determine whether their employment contract will continue throughout the year.

The internship is considered a paid volunteer position with a small stipend to cover basic expenses. This stipend is paid in ten monthly installments at the end of each month into the intern’s bank account. The first payment is on September 30, 2020, and the last payment is one week before the end of June 2021. The stipend will be 3,000 Moroccan Dirhams (MAD) per month and will not be taxable in the United States provided that the intern remains outside the U.S. for 330 days or more. Interns will be provided with a 1000 Dh allowance (of which 500 is against the September stipend) upon arrival, and 2,000 Moroccan Dirhams towards their airfare home upon successful completion of their contract with AUI in June 2021.

Interns follow the administrative, rather than the academic schedule. The work week at AUI is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m to 13:00 p.m and 14:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. However, Interns should remain flexible as some positions require overtime and weekend work during times of heavy activity.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EXPLORATION

AUI is deeply involved in its community and takes pride in its outreach activities. Interns may take advantage of additional time allotted during the workweek for approved community outreach projects, cultural exploration, or personal development. The interest of the intern will determine the activity and type of involvement with the local constituents. Time away from the office during (work hours) can consist of up to four hours per week scheduled regularly with the intern supervisor.
ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Each semester, interns may take one scheduled, tuition-free course at the AUI. While, language courses are encouraged, AUI offers a variety of courses, and interns have their choice of any class within their field of interest. Interns are also encouraged to partake in special seminars, lectures, and brown-bags, featuring discussions with scholars and community experts on various political, cultural, or social aspects of the MENA region.

HEALTH INSURANCE

AUI will provide basic medical examination care through the AUI clinic and health insurance. However, interns are strongly encouraged to have supplementary insurance with adequate world-wide coverage.

HOUSING

Interns will be housed in their own studio style apartment in AUI’s Residence. The rooms come fully furnished with a bed, a desk, a tv, a couch and a coffee table, as well as their own bathroom and small kitchenette. The cost of housing and basic maintenance will be covered by AUI and the annual budget of each intern’s office. Interns are allowed to occupy their housing units until July 15, 2021, if they wish to extend their stay and remain in Morocco until then.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES & OFF TIME

Interns are entitled to 15 personal days, in addition to official staff national holiday time and a five-day break around the New Year. This provides the interns with the opportunity to travel both independently and through AUI sponsored trips. The interns are also invited to join new faculty members on a number of subsidized trips around Ifrane and Morocco, and participate in any student-arranged trips in Morocco. Any time away from the office in connection with travel plans must be approved by the intern’s supervisor.

The exact dates for the week-long (5 day) staff break around the new year will be confirmed in the fall semester by an official staff email. Presidential Interns will follow the staff schedule, not the student and faculty calendar.
TRANSPORTATION

While, AUI will arrange to have the interns met at the Fes-Saïss airport (FEZ) and escorted to Ifrane, they must purchase and obtain their own airfare to and from Morocco. Free AUI shuttles into town are available during the school year around a predetermined schedule.
2020-2021 OPENINGS

• The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA), and Housing Services and Residential Life
• The Health Center, the Interfaith Office and the No Violence Alliance (NoVA)
• Campus Life
• The Center for Learning Excellence (CLE)
• The Office of Development and Communications (DevCom)
• The Chief Operating Officer (COO)
• The First Year Experience (FYE)
• The University Honor’s Program (UHP)
• The Office of Internal Audit (OIA)
• The Mohammed VI Library
• The Office of International Programs (OIP)
• The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE)
• The Office of the President
• The Writing Center
• The Student Activities Office (SAO)
POSITION DESCRIPTIONS  (Click for details)
APPLICATION DETAILS & TIMELINES

The 3rd of APRIL  Applications open (Application Form)

The 3rd of MAY  Deadline to apply (11:59pm EST)

Week of MAY 4th  First round interviews (via VOIP/Skype)

Week of MAY 11th  Second round interviews (via VOIP/Skype)

20th MAY  Final notifications

25 AUGUST  Arrival in Ifrane

26 AUGUST  First Day of Work

30 JUNE  Last Day of Work
For more information about the AUI Presidential Internship Program, please refer to our website at https://www.aui.ma/auipp.

The 2019-2020 Presidential Intern cohort is happy to answer any questions you have about position descriptions, eligibility, etc. Please direct queries to auipip@aui.ma. Also, feel free to contact the current interns individually for specific questions:

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Take a look at what this year's interns have been up to and follow us!

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