

Ten-Week Summer Internships in Botswana

The Botswana-UPenn Partnership, with funding from the Provost's Office and supplemental funding from other Penn programs, is pleased to offer ten week summer internships from **May 23 – July 31, 2009** in Botswana for 15 Penn students in the following areas (Note - This list is subject to change as some placements are still being finalized.):

Business

- One internship position is offered to a Wharton Huntsman program student to work at Botswana's International Financial Services Center on competitor analysis, monitoring and compliance processes, and strategy implementation.
- One internship may be offered to a student interested in accounting, grant writing and non-profit management to work at the Kamogelo Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Project.

Clinical Research

- One internship position is offered to work under Nicola Zetola, MD, MPH of the Botswana-UPenn Partnership on a clinical or operational research program. This hands-on experience involve all stages of the research process: design, data collection and results interpretation.

Communications

- One internship position may be offered to work with a non-profit service organization in Botswana on fund raising and public relations.
- One internship position may be offered to design and implement a hand-hygiene education curriculum for the doctors, nurses, and staff at Princess Marina Hospital emphasizing the importance of hand-hygiene in patient care.

Design

- One internship position may be offered to work with a local architect currently in the design phase of a new clinical building being built on the grounds of Princess Marina Hospital.

Education

- One internship position is offered to a student interested in preschool and early childhood education to work at the Kamogelo Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Project.

Health Policy and Manpower

- Two internship positions may be offered to work under the direction of Howard Moffat, MD in the Ministry of Health whose department assesses compliance with Ministry of Health regulations in Botswana.
- One internship position is offered to work with Joseph Makhema, MD and his work with the Botswana Health Professions Council.

Engineering and Industry

- One internship position is offered to gain hands-on technical experience in drilling and coal bed methane gas production (this requires living in a tent in the central Kalahari Desert) or financial technical planning and data room preparation or engineering administration at the Kalahari Gas Company.

Past Student Comments

My experience in Botswana was absolutely incredible, and I want to thank Penn for giving me this opportunity. My internship was amazing, and taking charge of that airstrip project was an opportunity which I doubt I could have gotten anywhere else. – Julio Erdos

On the last day of work, when I was presenting my client's proposal to the Certification Committee, the Minister of Finance started to speak to me in Setswana. About 10 minutes later my coworker told her I couldn't speak Setswana. She said, "Wow I thought you were one of us!" I thought that was the coolest thing. It showed just how close I got to the culture, that even my mannerisms and pronunciation resembled those of Botswana. It was the best way to culminate my trip [which was] just the most amazing experience of my life. – Kristin Hall

Law

- Two internship positions may be offered to law students to work under the direction of Judge Unity Dow in the Lobatse High Court in Botswana.

Nursing

- One internship position may be offered to a nursing student to create a program to prepare first aid kits and provide essential first aid information to the classrooms at the Kamogelo Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Project.

Social Work

- One internship position may be offered at Holy Cross Hospice helping to provide care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their caretakers.

Veterinary Medicine

- Two internship positions may be offered to Penn Veterinary students to work in a private veterinary clinic or to work with a non-profit animal welfare society outside of Gaborone.

What Does the Internship Provide?

- Each student intern is given a travel advance stipend to book a roundtrip flight to Botswana.
- Housing is also provided at the University of Botswana dormitories.
- Students will be responsible for their own food, incidental, and in-country travel expenses in Botswana.

Who Can Apply?

- Penn undergraduates, preferably sophomores and juniors (Graduating seniors are not eligible).
- Penn graduate students from the Schools of Law, Social Policy and Practice or Veterinary Medicine or other graduate students who can demonstrate how this internship is integral to their academic career.

How do I Apply?

- Interested applicants must complete an International Internship Program (IIP) application online through the Office of International Programs (OIP) Website at <http://sa.oip.upenn.edu/iip> **by Monday, February 23, 2009.**
- Please note that applicants should select "Gaborone, Botswana" from the list of eligible locations.
- Finalists will be interviewed during the week of March 2, 2009.

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About Botswana

Botswana both nullifies and exemplifies any stereotype one might hold about the African continent. From the fascinating culture of the world's oldest civilization to the magnificent animals seen on safari, Botswana is also the most stable and fully democratic country in Africa.

Just slightly smaller than Texas, Botswana is a land-locked and sparsely populated country of 1.8 million just north of South Africa. Formerly the British colony known as the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Botswana gained independence in 1966 and is now a parliamentary republic. The current President, Ian Khama, is the son of the country's first elected President, a chief and king of the Bamangwato tribe, and his British wife. Education and healthcare are free; and the national literacy rate is above 80%. The country's economy has flourished thanks to its great diamond wealth, beef exports and tourism with large nature preserves and good conservation practices.

But Botswana also has one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates in the world with approximately one quarter of the population infected.

Since 2001, Penn has had a growing presence in Botswana with the Botswana-UPenn Partnership working to help build capacity in clinical care, education, and research.