

INFORMATION PACK

WHAT WE DO

Connect-123 facilitates internship, volunteer and service learning opportunities for international undergraduate and graduate students in Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Dublin and Shanghai in a wide range of fields including business, education, engineering, health care, human rights, journalism, social work and sustainable development. All programs are tailor made according to the student's interest and abilities and are designed to create equal value for the international students, as well as for the local organizations where they work.

Since 2006, we've worked with students from over 600 universities and we expect to have over 400 international students participating on our programs this year. We also have extensive experience in running both faculty-led and semester-long programs for universities, including Michigan State University, Ohio University, King's College London, University of Colorado, SUNY, Carleton College and Rhodes College. For additional information, please visit our website at www.connect-123.com and for reviews, please see: www.connect-123.com/reviews and www.gooverseas.com/organization/connect-123-reviews

LOCAL SUPPORT

For all programs, we provide substantial local support, including secure housing, logistics support and regular social programs (ranging from cultural tours to group community service activities). We also advise program participants prior to departure and provide ongoing support and guidance once abroad, from academic advice and mentoring to hands-on help in case of an emergency.

WHY CONNECT-123?

Dedicated and enthusiastic on-the-ground team members in each location are committed to providing students with the support they need. Drawing on our local knowledge, students get access to the best opportunities to suit their objectives and academic goals. The Connect-123 difference is evident from the very beginning. We are interested first and foremost in our students as individuals: What has motivated them to explore an international opportunity? What are their learning objectives in terms of career, personal and academic development? Our network of contacts within the local companies, non-profit organizations, schools, research institutes and health care clinics of our destination cities is well-established and extensive.

Further, program dates and durations are flexible according to students' schedules, and with full-time staff in each of our destinations, we run programs throughout the year.



HOUSING

In Buenos Aires, Barcelona, Dublin and Shanghai, students can choose to live with a homestay family or share apartments with other program participants. In Cape Town, students stay in apartments in a large, centrally located residential building with 24-hour security, roof-top gym, pool, wireless internet access, and twice-per-month housekeeping service. Depending on the apartment configuration, students share each apartment with up to three other Connect-123 participants. For a virtual tour of our Cape Town housing, please see: <http://tinyurl.com/c123cthousing>

INTERN, VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

Business Consulting / Communications / Social Entrepreneurship / Marketing / Venture Capital

Examples of past projects include reviewing business plans at local venture capital firms, conducting market research and developing export strategies for local entrepreneurs, and writing press releases and coordinating events for PR firms.

Community Service / Education / Social Work

Opportunities include mentoring street children, teaching English, caring for infants and toddlers at orphanages, helping to build schools and houses for disadvantaged communities and assisting with the overall operations of education and social work programs.

Medical / Public Health

We work with several leading hospitals, research institutes, and hospices and coordinate both research-based and clinical health care programs. Responsibilities range from conducting medical research to providing non-medical care to patients, attending ward rounds and helping the nursing staff. Past projects have included helping to conduct health care-related workshops in local communities, assisting with the development of a pediatric pain management manual, studying the effectiveness of epidurals, and helping to test newly-invented medical devices.

Law / Human Rights

Opportunities include working at a legal advice center, assessing the impact of community-based interventions, helping with HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, assisting case workers at refugee centers, researching human rights-related legislation both locally and internationally, and writing research reports. Projects range from research to on-the-ground training and support. Connect-123 students in the past have had their research published.

Journalism / Film / Photography / Design

Opportunities are available at newspapers, magazines, publishing houses, graphic design agencies, and local film studios. We also have created unique "journalist in residence" positions at select human rights-related organizations. Past students have published frequently.

Nature / Marine / Wildlife

Programs range from working to restore and improve local parks and nature reserves to helping to rehabilitate endangered species.

Sustainable Development / Engineering

We have both for-profit and non-profit partners who have projects for chemical, mechanical, and civil engineering students as well as for students interested in the environment and sustainable development. Examples of past opportunities include project management in the diamond mining industry and assisting with the development of solar energy devices.

Additional Opportunities:

Since each placement is created uniquely for the program participant, we can accommodate a wide range of internships and volunteer opportunities, including many that are not listed here. Past interns have also had internships and volunteer positions related to fashion, hospitality, technology, youth leadership, sports, animal science, and architecture, among many others!



FEEDBACK FROM PAST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

To date, we've worked with over 2,000 students and are proud to have shared a role in their often life-changing experiences. For a selection of alumni interviews, with specific information about their experiences and career progression, please see:

1. Alli Tolbert, University of Denver: www.connect-123.com/interview-with-buenos-aires-program-alumna-alli/
2. Hugh Blaney, University College Dublin: www.connect-123.com/interview-with-former-cape-town-intern-hugh-blaney/
3. Mary Reed, Rhodes College: www.connect-123.com/interview-with-economic-development-intern-mary-reed/
4. Jay Lanners, Davidson College: www.connect-123.com/interview-with-buenos-aires-program-alum-jay-lanners/
5. Jason Noah, Tulane University: www.connect-123.com/interview-with-human-rights-intern-jason/

For more testimonials, please see: www.connect-123.com/testimonials. In addition, reviews, photos, and videos from past program participants can be found on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/connect123

2017 PROGRAM FEES

Our program fee is the same for any duration and start / end dates are flexible, ranging from a few weeks to several months.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Program Fee</u>	<u>Housing Fee/month</u>
Barcelona	€2,250	€450 to €700
Buenos Aires	\$2,250	\$500 to \$800
Cape Town	\$2,250	\$525 to \$750
Dublin	€2,250	€500 to €800
Shanghai	\$2,250	\$550 to \$850

GET IN TOUCH

Contact us to learn more about our internship, volunteer and service learning programs in Argentina, China, Ireland, South Africa, and Spain. Please email any questions to info@connect-123.com or, in the United States, call us toll-free at +1 800 731 6406.

