ITER ORGANIZATION

WELCOME BOOKLET FOR STUDENT INTERNS
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Welcome to ITER

ITER, one of the greatest international science projects of our times, aims to demonstrate the scientific and technical feasibility of fusion power. Seven Members are engaged in the ITER project – China, European Union, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States – representing more than half of the world’s population.

The ITER Organization (IO) welcomes students to take part in this unique human endeavour, and it is for this reason that an internship program has been established to provide a framework by which undergraduate and postgraduate students from diverse academic backgrounds can apply the knowledge obtained during their educational experience through practical work assignments. A few internships may also be offered to allow secondary or high school students to observe working conditions (or mandatory job shadowing internships).

We wish you a positive internship experience with our organization and much success in accomplishing your personal, academic and professional goals.
Introduction

The aim of the ITER Organization’s internship program is to provide students the opportunity to gain practical experience in their field of study while working in an international scientific and multicultural environment.

This program consists of four different internship categories:

- **Category A**: Scientific or technical internships. Interns are highly involved in IO activities and undertake a specific project under the supervision of an ITER staff member. This type of internship is open to students enrolled in a graduate program at a university or equivalent institution with at least four years of studies post High School (e.g. Last year of Engineering School or Master).
  - Duration: 4 to 6 months (extendable to one year).
  - Allowance: yes

- **Category B**: Internship for candidates with at least one year of studies post-high school. Interns contribute to projects or research in their field of study under the supervision of an IO staff member;
  - Duration: Up to 3 months (extendable to one year)
  - Allowance: yes

- **Category C**: “Job shadowing” internships. Interns observe working conditions and may assist the supervisor in various tasks. This category is for students enrolled at an international Secondary School, enrolled in an international or multilingual section or school in France where internships are mandatory (e.g. “3ème” and “2nde” students in France) or English speaking students belonging to a school outside France where internships are mandatory. According to Director-General’s Yearly Decision on the Internship Program Policy Implementation a certain number of Category C internship slots can be allocated for English speaking children registered in National Schools.
  - Duration: Up to 4 weeks
  - Allowance: no

- **Category S**: Specific internships to be considered on an individual basis. These may be scientific or technical internships which are subject to the IO having a particular agreement (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding) in place with a laboratory, industry, university or government. Interns are highly involved in IO activities and undertake a specific project under the supervision of an IO staff. Students shall either be pursuing a PhD at a university or an equivalent institution or be participating in a program, in a scientific or technical field, which has a special agreement with the IO.
  - Duration: duration will be considered on an individual basis (maximum: four years)
  - Allowance: Interns shall be paid by the university, laboratory, industry or government entity which is funding the internship. If provided for in the specific agreement between the IO and the entity, the IO may contribute to the funding of the internship and/or pay a monthly allowance to the student, or the entity may also transfer funds to the IO, which then pays the intern directly. The amount of the allowance shall be defined on an individual basis in the Internship Agreement.

While generally not covered, travel costs to and from France for the internship may be covered by the IO upon proposal from the related Office or Department and under certain conditions stated in the Internship Agreement and approved by the HRD.
1. **Arrival Procedure**

   a) **Internship Agreement (IO/School/Student)**

   The internship agreement is provided by the ITER Organization and shall be signed by the student, the Human Resources Department Head, DG delegate for internships and the Director of the university, school or program (or its representative) prior to the starting date of the internship.

   b) **Internship Commitment (IO/Student)**

   Students are required to complete and sign an Internship Commitment in which the student agrees:
   
   - To observe all of the IO's applicable rules;
   - To refrain from any conduct that will adversely reflect on the IO and not engage in activities that are incompatible with its aims and objectives;
   - To respect the discretion, integrity, impartiality and independence required of IO interns, and to refrain from seeking or accepting instructions from any Government or any other authority that is external to the IO regarding the services performed;
   - To keep confidential any unpublished information that has been made known to the intern by reason of his/her internship, and, except with the explicit authorization of the IO, to refrain from publishing any reports or papers on the basis of information obtained during the program, both during and after the completion of my internship;
   - To inform his/her supervisor and to provide immediate written notice to the Human Resources Department in case of illness or other circumstances which might prevent him/her from completing the internship;
   - That the intern cannot represent the IO in any case;
   - That all rights, including title to property, copyright and patent, concerning any work produced by the intern during the internship shall be vested in the IO which alone shall hold all rights of use.

   c) **Additional Documents**

   Prior to the starting date of the internship, students shall also provide the following documents to the Human Resources Department (HRD):
   
   - A medical certificate (the form to be filled will be provided by IO for categories A, B & S);
   - Valid proof of identity (either a passport or a national identity card);
   - Bank details for an account in France (Categories A, B, and S only);
   - Proof of medical and accident insurance;
   - Proof of civil personal liability insurance;
   - Completed Intern Identification Sheet.

   Students must also submit documents in order to complete the necessary security clearance and any visa procedures, if a visa is needed. Security team and AIF Welcome Office will contact the student directly concerning all required documents.
d) Accommodation

Please note that the intern is responsible for finding his/her own housing and should anticipate on this matter as it may be difficult to find accommodation for interns.

e) First Day at ITER

The intern will pick up the ITER badge at the main entrance of the ITER Headquarters (HQ). In order to complete all final administrative formalities, the intern will then go to the HRD, located in the HQ Building 72/3002.

2. Rules

a) Working/Internship Hours

Interns are granted the same official public holidays as IO staff members. The internship hours for students under the age of 15 shall not exceed 30 hours per week, while for students who are 15 or older the week shall not exceed 40 hours (8 hours per day).

Monday to Friday, Cat A and B interns will have to fill in a weekly time sheet on SAP.

The intern shall be entitled to leave at the rate of 2 working days for every month of service completed. Any non-certified absence for sickness is deducted from the leave entitlement.

For an absence for sickness or accident, a medical certificate must be submitted within three days of ceasing work.

Absences beyond the student’s leave entitlement will be considered on an individual basis.

For specific leave requests a Special Leave form shall be completed.

In the event of continuous periods of absence, the terms of the Internship Agreement may be reconsidered.

Under specific conditions approved by the Department/Office Head and HRD, interns may perform part of their internship remotely (e.g. for visa reasons).

For Category S, specific conditions concerning leave and absences may be specified in the provided agreement. Otherwise, the above conditions shall apply.

b) Internal Regulations

Interns are required to observe the IO’s applicable rules, regulations and circulars in particular those relating to safety, security and confidentiality.
3. Practical Information

a) Site Access

Access to the ITER site is restricted. For security reasons, no guests can be admitted without prior reservation.

The ITER site is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

b) Canteen

During their internship, students have access to the self-service restaurant on the ground floor of the HQ/72. The canteen access will be granted after your registration with your badge at the Canteen. The badge works like a credit card and must be loaded before use. This may be done by cash or credit card at the designated desks inside the restaurant by the intern directly.

c) Transportation

All interns can use the ITER bus service, which provides transportation to several nearby towns. Bus schedules are available upon request from the HRD or, once on the ITER site, on Buzz (intranet; see “Practical Info”). Cost of transportation is 2 EUR per ride and will be paid by the intern directly.

d) Library

The ITER Library, located on the third floor of the ITER HQ/72, offers interns a full range of services including access to a collection of books, standards, popular science and engineering magazines and fusion journals. More information about the ITER Library and on-line book access can be found on Buzz under “Working at ITER.”

e) Office Materials

The IO shall provide the intern with access to a laptop, phone guest internet connection and other facilities. These facilities shall be used for work purposes only and upon departure all materials are to be returned in perfect working order.

f) French bank account

Allowances are paid by automatic transfer to a French bank account. If you don’t have any French bank account, the Human Resources Department of the ITER Organization can help and guide you.

4. Missions (only for Categories A, B and S)

During the internship, the supervisor may only exceptionally grant authorization for an intern to be sent on mission. All missions must be approved by the Cabinet of Director General and the relevant Office or Department Head, following IO policy and processes in place. While on mission for the IO, the intern remains under the responsibility of the IO and is required to observe its applicable rules. The expenses may be covered by the IO.
Reimbursements will be made by automatic transfer to a French bank account (Bank statement to be given to the HR Department the 1st day of internship at the latest).

5. Departure Procedure

   a) Internship Report

If a report is required for the completion of the diploma, interns should submit their internship report to the Department concerned and obtain supervisor’s approval before editing or publishing any information related to their internship at IO.

   b) Internship Evaluation

This internship is to be considered an academic experience; the performance of the intern will be evaluated based upon the assignments defined in the Internship Agreement and the criteria defined in Internship Evaluation Form (3LZPSU), for categories A, B and S. No formal evaluation process is foreseen for Category C.

   c) Internship Certificate

IO could issue an Internship Certificate upon request.

   d) Departure Procedure Form

Before leaving the IO, the intern shall complete the required departure procedure in order to close all services and return all office materials provided at the arrival. The Departure procedure form for Interns, duly signed by the relevant responsible officers (Security, IT, IDM, Canteen), must be returned to the HRD on the last day of the internship.

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