



Stepping Stones International

Gaborone, Botswana

Stepping Stones International (SSI) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization registered as a 501(c)3 in Utah. SSI provides an after school program to 200+ orphans and vulnerable adolescents (ages 12–18+) who have experienced abuse, inconsistent schooling, and/or have been infected or affected by HIV. An important aspect of SSI's mission is to improve participating teens' English literacy and thus improve their economic prospects. SSI is working to build and improve Botswana's developing education system.

Internship Description

Internships are available in Botswana with SSI. The internship is designed to be flexible and involve students in components like research, literacy education, social work, law, business, psychology, and other social issues. Interns are able to tailor their internships to involve one or more of these components.

For interns pursuing a literacy-based internships, they will receive practical experience implementing a research-based reading intervention model (Next Steps or Higher Steps) in an international setting as well as teaching experience with second language learners. All interns, whatever their focus may be, will be immersed into a different cultural and educational system.

This internship has been orchestrated in conjunction with the College of Education and the University of Utah Reading Clinic (UURC).

Languages

This is an English-speaking internship.

Accommodations

SSI will arrange housing accommodations for interns. Pre-qualified families will house the interns, located close enough to allow interns to walk or take transit for a five- to ten-minute commute to the center. Most of SSI's families have hosted international students and are familiar with European and American cultural needs.

Cost

Costs include:

- University of Utah tuition
- Academic fee: \$300
- Room and board (approx. \$200 for 4 weeks, \$800 for 6 weeks)
- Travel expenses

Funding

International interns are eligible to apply for the Hinckley Global Internship Scholarship offered through the Hinckley Institute. Information can be found at <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/intern-specific-scholarships/>. The Hinckley Institute also offers a low-interest loan program found at <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/undergraduate-scholarships/>. In addition to funding through the Hinckley Institute, scholarships are available through the Center For Learning Abroad <http://learningabroad.utah.edu/>.

Dates

Internship dates may vary depending upon location, but are based around the academic calendar.

- Fall Semester: September - December
- Spring Semester: January - April
- Summer Semester: May - August

Academic Requirements

Students are required to register for a minimum of 3 HINCLY credit hours and a maximum of 12. International interns are required to submit 4 reflections and 10 weekly updates throughout the semester, as well as write a final policy paper, which is due 4 weeks after the end of the semester. Students can tailor their internship on the topics of social work, law with UN-funded legal aid, business, psychology, and other children and social issues.

Consult with the Hinckley Institute's website for the internship academic prerequisites and additional credit opportunities for students in the college of education

Orientation

Students are required to attend a predeparture orientation, which provides cultural and safety training and an explanation of academic requirements. Students also meet with the program manager upon returning from the internship. While in Botswana, interns will experience a two-day orientation which includes tours of SSI, meeting staff and participants, and familiarization with the local Mochudi community.

Application Process

Please submit the Hinckley online application before the deadline at <http://www.hinckley.utah.edu/apply-now/> and then email the Global Internship Program Manager to set up an interview. During the interview you will receive more information on program specifics.

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