

Internship offer

Associazione Interculturale UNIVERSO

UNIVERSO is an intercultural non-profit association based in Bologna, Italy, since 2002. It was created by a group of students and workers, both foreign and Italian, with the aim of promoting and supporting social initiatives alongside motivating and facilitating mutual understanding between people of different cultures and origins.

Since the beginning, the main goals of the association are on the one hand to facilitate the integration of foreign citizens, following the approach of empowerment and active citizenship.

On the other hand UNIVERSO is a space which establishes the basis for a pleasant coexistence between different cultures in our society; where the local population, volunteers, interns, and migrants, all with very different backgrounds, come together and realize different activities. The constant exchange of ideas and learning from one another makes it an enriching experience for all. Thanks to this tenacious and persistent culture of dialogue and being together, it is possible to initiate a positive process of change, hoping it will bring all the actively engaged actors into collaboration for mutual respect and cooperation.



In order to achieve its goals, UNIVERSO offers the following activity fields- according to your interests and experiences, these would be your areas of activity, too:

General Activities:

We offer **individual orientation assistance** at our offices to people from different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. The general activities involve CV writing to apply for jobs, **language assistance** for those with difficulties and **computer assistance** for non literate PC users, accompanying young migrants to public offices and **intercultural communication trainings**.

Language Classes:

Universo offers language courses in different languages such as Italian, German, English and French. Furthermore, for everyone who is interested in improving language skills or learning a new language and in exchange sharing his/her own native language! For example many of our participants speak French, Arabic, Bambara or Wolof (and a lot of them want to learn German!).

Intercultural Documentation Centre:

In order to preserve cultural traditions and special costumes from all over the world, we set up a space in which we share our histories, music, dances, stories, etc.

To do that, we establish contact with cultural experts and witnesses to register their contributions and will organize intercultural events to foster exchange and coming together.

Universo in Gita

At Universo in Gita we discover Bologna through the eyes of a migrant. It's a weekly intercultural exchange activity in which international and local interns and the users of Universo's services get to know new and different sides of Bologna. Objective is to be better orientated in Bologna and to be aware of how to access the different offers of the city and at the same time to get to know each other better.

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ESOP (European Structural Orientation Program for migrants)

ESOP is an exchange and empowerment program for refugees living in Italy as well as European interns to support intercultural dialogue and an appreciative living together. The program includes Italian and German classes, computer courses, civic education, courses on law and professional qualification for the European labour market. The European interns will receive a training in intercultural communication. ESOP follows a peer-to-peer-approach based on exchange between the migrants and interns to facilitate legal migration and enable everyone to live a legal and self-determined life in Europe.

Requirements specification

We are looking for interns who spend at least two months with us. Internship start is flexible as all activities are ongoing.

The internship offer is addressed to people of different subject areas and professional backgrounds, who wish to contribute with their individual skills to the successful implementation of UNIVERSO and its different activities. Above all, we are looking for interns who are seriously motivated to participate in the project and who share our opinion towards migration and living together. Nevertheless, the followings skills are of importance for us as well as for you to ensure a successful process:

- Very good knowledge of English; if possible basic knowledge of French and Italian
- Enjoying the work of teaching and individual tutoring
- Teamwork skills as well as the ability to work independently and structured
- Intercultural understanding and cultural-sensible behaviour
- Interest and openness to creative activities
- Enjoyment of networking and fundraising
- Public relations work (among other things, this includes regular postings of contributions in form of articles, podcasts and short videos)
- Experiences in the field of migration are an asset

We are also looking especially for interns who have additionally knowledge in one of the following fields:

- Public Relations (mainly the usage of the typical social media tools, active web presence)
- Web programming
- Graphic design
- Eventmanagement
- Fundraising

If you would like to implement together with us a new, innovative project and at the same time are eager to experience an active process of exchange and learning, we look forward to your application. To apply, please fill out the following application form:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/70717655890365>. In case of questions, please send a mail to info@universointerculturale.it.

The internship is not remunerated but a financial support through the ERASMUS+ program can be possible.