Internship Programme 2017/18
Frequently Asked Questions

ELIGIBILITY

1. I am not a British or EU passport holder. Am I still eligible?

Unfortunately not, candidates must be a UK or EU passport holder. Please note that this means we are also unable to accept those with permanent residency status in the UK if they are not British or EU citizens.

2. I am currently in my first year of university and do not yet have a grade transcript from university. Am I still eligible?

Unfortunately not, and we are unable to accept A-Level or GCSE results as sufficient evidence. Please wait until you have finished your first year and obtained a grade transcript before making your application next year.

3. I previously took part in a Generation UK – China scholarship programme. Am I still eligible?

Unfortunately not. We want to offer as many different students as we can the chance to gain this amazing international experience! You can, however, apply for an academic scholarship after completing an internship.

4. What counts as a low-income background?

Please check the document on finance eligibility to determine whether you are eligible for a Generation UK – China internship. You must meet the finance eligibility criteria which vary depending on which year you began your studies, where you study and which student funding body you receive are receiving support from.

5. I have checked the finance eligibility document and I do not meet the eligibility criteria for being from a low-income background. Am I still eligible for this programme?

Unfortunately not. Generation UK – China is committed to social mobility and widening participation in the higher education sector. Funding support is focused on helping talented first-generation scholars and students from low-income backgrounds.

6. I am currently enrolled in a post-graduate degree, for which one does not receive grants from Student Finance. Am I still eligible?

As long as you received a grant from Student Finance at one point during your university career, you are eligible to apply.

7. What do you suggest if I am not eligible for the programme?

There are still many options to come to China, even if you are not eligible for one of our Generation UK – China internships. Please view our other programmes and sign up to our newsletter, which we also use to advertise other opportunities, or email us at gen.uk@britishcouncil.org.cn for recommendations to come to China outside of our programme.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

8. How do I make an application?

We work with two delivery partners in China, CRCC Asia and InternChina, who operate in different cities and you would need to apply directly to them for Generation UK funding using the designated application form on their websites. Applications are open at various points in the year and they can provide you with more information if you have any questions regarding the application process and internship placements. Please note, you can only apply to one programme. If you do apply to both programmes, your applications will be disqualified.

9. I do not speak Mandarin - will this affect my application?

No - your proficiency in Mandarin does not form part of the assessment process.

10. What does an academic reference need to include?

An academic reference needs to be typed on university letterhead paper and signed by the author. They should include information such as their academic relationship to you, your academic profile, and why they would recommend you for the programme. We require scanned copies of a printed and signed reference to be uploaded along with your application.

11. I am still enrolled at university, but have not gained any official qualifications yet. Which academic transcripts should I send?

Most universities will be able to provide an official transcript of your grades obtained so far. If not, we can accept a screenshot of your grades in your university system, signed, dated and verified by your academic referee or university registrar.

12. Once I’ve submitted my application, how do I know you have received it?

An automatic response will be sent from our delivery partners to all received applications. It is with regret that we are unable to comment on unsuccessful applications.

13. Can I apply for a Generation UK - funded internship with more than one of your delivery partners?

No. In order to give as many students as possible a chance to apply for an internship, it is not possible to make applications through more than one delivery partner.

14. Can I get funding from Generation UK – China to fund other internships?

No. Generation UK – China provides a limited amount of funded placements, arranged either through CRCC Asia or InternChina. You need to apply to these places directly through the links on our website. We do not provide funding retrospectively to fund placements obtained independently through either CRCC Asia or InternChina, or in other companies.

15. Can Generation UK – China fund internships of a different duration?

The placements we offer are always for a two-month duration and candidates must be available for the entire duration of the placement.
16. I completed a Generation UK – China internship last year. Can I reapply?

Unfortunately not. We want to offer as many different students as we can the chance to gain this amazing international experience!

PROGRAMME DETAILS

17. Can you tell me more information about the internships themselves?

We offer internships in a wide variety of sectors across six exciting cities in China: Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Qingdao and Chengdu. For more information regarding the internship placements and the application process, please get in contact with CRCC Asia or InternChina directly.

18. What costs does Generation UK cover?

Generation UK – China covers your placement fees, accommodation, travel insurance, Chinese classes, business and cultural activities, airport pick-up service and dedicated support throughout the placement.

19. What costs will I need to cover?

You will need to cover the costs of your return flights, visa, and other living and travel expenses. Costs vary depending on your standard of living, and you should also factor in whether you would wish to travel and explore China in your free time.

20. Can I extend my internship after it has been completed?

Unfortunately we have limited funding, and at current do not have any availability to extend internships beyond the agreed programmes.