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# **Internship Abroad: Program Information**





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## 1. About Next Step Connections

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### Our Team

**Next Step Connections Ltd** is a global agency specializing in providing internship placements in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Beijing for overseas students. Our team is led by foreign nationals (United States and France) and Chinese and International staff.

**Next Step Connections Ltd** is dedicated to providing the most professional internship placement services available in China and Hong Kong today.

Our extensive network of placement companies and organizations in China, along with the quality of the services we provide are testament to the popularity and success of our programs.

**Next Step Connections Ltd** ensures each intern is placed in an organization with real work opportunities (not just getting coffee!) that are relevant to each candidate's interests and education/work background. In addition, we provide round the clock support for all of our participants, who are automatically insured under Caremed GmbH during their period of internship.

**Next Step Connections Ltd's** energetic team of people shares the same values of integrity and professionalism. In total, we have accumulated more than 20 years of work experience in China and are united by a strong work ethic. Our primary goal is to create a program that helps start or build on each of our candidate's career aspirations while placing a special emphasis on their safety.

## 2. Professional Internship Programs in Hong Kong and China

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Our professional internship programs in Hong Kong and China have been designed to offer applicants the unique opportunity to intern at a leading company in one of the world's leading financial centers. They will greatly increase your skills, learn from experienced professionals and build up their resume through a solid internship experience.

Our Internship program is available all-year round enabling applicants to choose their start date, the length of your stay (1- 6 months) and their internship in one of our selected industries .

### **Who can apply:**

- Pre-University: (High-school graduate students, gap year students)
- University students
- Recent Graduates
- Young professionals
- Career breakers

### 3. Fields of Placement

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As a premier internship placement organization in China, Next Step Connections (Shanghai) Ltd can become a valuable partner for your students as they grow within their industries.

**Fields of placement:**

- Accounting
- Architecture
- Graphic Design
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Journalism & communication
- Advertising & Public Relations
- Economics
- Engineering
- Finance
- Marketing/Sales/Advertising/Branding
- Manufacturing/Trade/Sourcing/Logistics/Supply Chain Management
- Fashion
- IT/High technology
- Research (all fields e.g. Chemistry)
- Medicine & Healthcare
- Pharmaceuticals
- Law/Legal Support
- Fine Arts/Museums

## 4. Benefits of an Internship Abroad

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In addition to its wealth of cultural history, China's growing economy is quick to surpass its western counterparts, making an internship in China one of the smartest and most valuable decisions one can make in his professional and personal endeavors. Understanding international work environments and being able to function in a culture other than one's own, away from the support units and friends is also a winning edge when it comes to job hunting.

Moreover, a recent study concludes that individuals who live abroad and integrate this foreign culture into their lives tend to be more creative upon their return. Experiences abroad are critical for creative output. This makes study abroad programs that much more important, especially for people that put a premium on creativity and innovation to stay competitive. Interning for a business in another country can be a way to show off your skills and also a great way to build a network of overseas contacts and create lifelong friendship bonds with people from all over the world.

**With the upcoming 2010 World Expo in Shanghai and the massive urbanization of China, there is no better time to experience the world's most vibrant and fast-developing country, both culturally and professionally.**

## 5. Qualifications

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**In order to apply for Next Step Connections Internship program, applicants must be:**

1. Fluent in English
2. 18 yrs old or above
3. Professional experience is not necessary, but is an asset
4. Familiarity in Mandarin is not required, but is an asset
5. Adaptable and proactive
6. Highly-motivated and ambitious
7. Eager to discover a new culture and a new lifestyle
8. Looking to enhance your professional skills in an international competitive setting

## 6. What our program includes

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Next Step Connections is a fee-based professional internship program. Our fee covers all aspects of a professional internship experience in each candidate's city of choice. We have qualified and experienced International staff on the ground in China who will coordinate the internship experience and let participants focus only on what's important: **Gaining work experience and career exposure in China and Hong Kong.**

### **Our programs includes:**

- ✓ A guaranteed professional internship placement in the city suiting each candidates' needs
- ✓ Full housing benefit (during the period of internship)
- ✓ A monthly cash stipend
- ✓ Comprehensive travel and medical insurance (Gold benefits)
- ✓ Escorted transfers to and from the airport at arrival and departure
- ✓ Assistance with required visa formalities and residence registration upon arrival
- ✓ Introduction to their company coordinator during their first day of work
- ✓ International phone card + pre-paid local SIM card +Transportation card
- ✓ Involvement in fun social, cultural and professional events organized by Next Step Connections during their placement
- ✓ FREE Chinese lessons-Consulting course + 3 hours a week of tutoring (except in HK)
- ✓ 24/7 assistance from our Program Coordinators if needed during their internship

### **Not included:**

International Flights, visa cost and other personal expenses.

## 7. Testimonials

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### Here is what some of our past interns have said about Next Step Connections:

"Next Step Connections did exactly what I wanted them to do: provide me with housing, an internship, and help with Visa forms and initial transportation. They even helped me with a cell phone and a metro card which were both extremely useful and something I wouldn't have been able to do on my own as I speak only basic Mandarin. The internship they set me up with was what I was looking for and I actually felt useful to the company, not just a coffee monkey. Overall I really enjoyed my stay here in Shanghai and I don't think I would have if not for Next Step Connections. Money well spent."

**L.Dahl, Colorado College, Boulder, CO, Business internship, Summer 2009**

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"NSC were extremely helpful in offering me a choice of internships that suited my needs. They had a really broad range of activities in the fields I was interested in (finance and renewable energy) and many different locations too.

The company I finally went to was perfect: I met loads of new people, got to practice Chinese everyday and learnt more than I ever would have imagined!"

**L. Adamson, University of Oxford, Investment Banking Internship, Beijing summer 2009**

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"Next Step Connections brings people from all walks of life together, building bonds that cannot be broken and experiences that will last for a lifetime! It was a pleasure doing my internship in Shanghai. The culture, the people and the way of life will always remain a significant learning experience that I will take with me into the future."

**Rayyan (Sudan), Lim Kok Wing University of Creative Technology, Malaysia, Fashion Internship, July 2009**

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"I would definitely recommend Next Step Connection's program to everyone. From my arrival to my departure, the NSC team was very helpful and nice. The events and trips organized by NSC are a great way to meet other people and get some new contacts and friends in Shanghai. This experience in China was one of the greatest one in my life until now. I'm looking forward to coming back!"

**A. Le Boulanger. France, EPSI Nantes, IT internship, August 2009.**

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"I absolutely loved living in Shanghai. I came here on a sort of whim and had no idea what to expect but Next Step Connections made every effort to help me feel as comfortable and welcome, without feeling babied, as possible. I am so deeply grateful for their help in finding me a great internship and helping me have the best summer I may have ever had."

**A. Portee, University of Florida, USA, August 2009, (PR Internship)**

## 8. How to Apply / Contact Us

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### Internship Application Procedures:

All applicants must submit the following at least 2 months in advance of their preferred session start date in Shanghai or 3 months in advance for our Hong Kong program:

√ NSC Program Application Form (found on NSC website when you click “Apply Now”)

√ Resume in English

As soon as we have received the application, we will review the applicant’s materials and decide if his/her profile fits our program requirements.

If accepted, applicants can expect to receive a program letter of acceptance within seven days. At this point we will also mail the program handbook, insurance information, invoice as well as our terms and conditions.

### Contact Us

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For more information, please visit our website: [www.nextstepconnections.com](http://www.nextstepconnections.com)

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