Tier 5 – Intern Scheme (GAE)

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• Visa for work experience (including volunteering, job shadowing and internships) for 3-12 months, may extend for another 12 months (depending on the scheme you’re applying for).

• Provides UK businesses the freedom to identify and offer internship without having to hold their own Sponsor Licence.

• CoS assigned & sponsorship/reporting requirements met by a Tier 5 (GAE) ‘Overarching Sponsor’. For a list of approved sponsors:

• Employers must be registered and approved by the Tier 5 (GAE) ‘overarching sponsor’

• Position must be supervised, at least at skills level NQF Level 3 and of ‘supernumerary’ nature (this means the role is in addition to the employer’s normal staffing requirement)

• Intern must be paid the UK National Minimum Wage or above
Tier 4 students can switch in the UK if have completed a Bachelor or Master’s Degree in their last grant of leave which is directly related to the work experience; otherwise must apply from overseas.

This is a Paid Service (‘Overarching sponsor’ will typically charge a fee to be met either by the employer or the intern, and a typical charge is around £1000).

You must have £945 in saving held for 90 days before you apply.

Visa application cost for a 12-month sponsorship: £235 + £200 (IHS).

We do not recommend any ‘Overarching Sponsor’ but some general schemes include: BUNAC – Intern in Britain; AISEC – Access Tier 5 Scheme; GTI – Tier 5 Intern Programme.

Contact Tier 5 (Overarching Sponsor) for immigration advice (if under OISC).

The University of Warwick currently holds a Tier 5 (GAE) licence but only for visiting academics and artists who are invited to perform at Warwick Art Centre.