



INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS





WELCOME TO GVI

GVI tackles critical local and global issues by operating award-winning education and training programs on sustainable development projects around the world.

We proudly partner with local and international NGO's, government organizations and educational institutions, including Save The Children, the Red Cross, PADI, Project AWARE, as well as the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. We also work with the National Parks of South Africa, Costa

Rica, Seychelles, Mexico and Thailand (to name a few), in order to provide impactful sustainable projects in collaboration with local communities.

Formed in 1998, over 30,000 participants have traveled with us, with over 2,500 people participating every year.

We have won numerous awards and the vast majority of GVI alumni describe their experience with us as life-changing, with over 98% adding that they would want to travel with us again in future.

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GVI FORMED

30,000
GVI PARTICIPANTS

2,500
PARTICIPANTS/YEAR

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

We work in partnership with schools and colleges across the United States and around the world, including:

- Bournemouth University
- Columbus State University
- Duke University
- Endicott College
- LeMoyne College
- London South Bank University
- New York University (NYU)
- Ohio State University
- Portland State University
- Stanford University
- Texas Christian University (TCU)
- Texas A&M
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Ottawa
- University of Westminster

In tandem with university faculty and staff, we design and implement our scholastic experiences based on a range of academic majors and/or specific learning objectives. GVI will soon offer an optional credit-bearing course for students who want to receive credit for their experience. Please consult with us if this is something you are interested in learning more about.





ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Specifically focused on developing teamwork and leadership skills, our internships provide you with the opportunity for real work experience in a variety of countries, equipping you with transferable skills for a competitive advantage in the job market. Joining one of our internships is a great way to explore a specific career path, interact with a new culture and contribute to resolving key global issues

across a variety of fields. We offer short term internships that can be completed in as little as six weeks. Longer term internships, which last up to six months, are more intensive and provide you with an opportunity to take on a leadership role by providing mentor support to short term volunteers and assisting with setting goals and objectives for the successful completion of the project.

OUR ALUMNI

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE HIRED GVI INTERNS OR ALUMNI, INCLUDE:

- Big White Ski Resort
- Carnival UK
- Coastal Jaguars
- Emirates Airline
- Good Samaritans Hospital
- Google Adwords
- InterContinental Fiji Resort
- Manta Trust
- The Children's Society
- The Nature Conservancy
- UN Environment Program
- WiseOceans
- YMCA



ALL OF OUR INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE:

- A project developed with your personal and professional goals in mind;
- Career mentoring;
- Weekly one-to-one meetings with staff supervisors;
- Accommodation, room & board and complete logistical support;
- Extensive field training;
- Comprehensive health & safety training and 24/7 GVI staff support;
- A confidential professional recommendation on completion of the internship program;
- Optional language workshops can usually be arranged;
- Participation in an exclusive GVI Leadership Course;
- Upon successful completion of an internship, GVI interns are given preference for vacancies within our organization and select GVI partners. Today, 60% of GVI employees are also GVI alumni!



WHAT MAKES GVI PROJECTS UNIQUE?



LONG TERM PARTNERSHIPS

We build long term partnerships with community leaders and adopt an attitude of collaboration in our work, in order to empower communities for consistent, steady progress.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and safety is our #1 priority and we adhere to strict regulations prior to and during all our projects, ensuring the safety of our participants. We provide 360 degree support for the duration of all our internships.



FLEXIBILITY

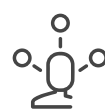
Our internships are dynamic, with flexible start dates and durations.



ACADEMIC CREDIT

Please speak to our Country Experts about potentially receiving academic credit for your participation.

Our programs don't just give you hands-on practical skills, but may also contribute towards your degree.



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

You will gain transferable skills on our projects, while learning to talk about your experience with future employers.





6+ WEEKS INTERNSHIPS

MICRO-ENTERPRISE & BUSINESS INCUBATOR

Work with small business owners from the local community on a specific project or challenging area within their business. Whether you have skills in marketing, international business, finance, operations or other, GVI will match you with a



business owner or project where your skills will be best utilized. You will also deliver skill workshops to different groups in the community, encouraging them to start new businesses and promoting self-sufficiency and long term sustainability.

- South Africa
- Business
- Social Enterprise

MARINE CONSERVATION

Improve your access to careers in marine biology, conservation, and the diving industry. As an intern, you could be collecting data to help establish community-managed Marine Protected Areas in Fiji; conducting surveys on the various coral and fish species in Mexico; or performing recovery research in the Seychelles to protect the future of this unique eco-system. GVI also provides Professional Dive Training on Divemaster Internships,



an Instructor Development Course (IDC) and a Master Scuba Diver Trainer course (MSDT), giving you unique access to the world of professional diving and / or marine conservation, including placements at local dive centers. All internships also give you the opportunity to participate in environmental education classes and community outreach activities.

- Seychelles, Mexico, Fiji, Greece
- Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Marine Biology





WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Gain invaluable research experience while learning about conservation techniques, animal tracking and how to use telemetry equipment. You could intern on a South African game reserve; assist organizations to protect the endangered jaguar and turtles in Costa Rica; conduct biodiversity



research on environmental sustainability in Seychelles; or, help research elephants in their natural habitat with the local community in Thailand. Interns can also help with hands-on reserve management projects, and take part in outreach initiatives to enrich local communities.



South Africa, Costa Rica, Seychelles & Thailand



Biological and Environmental Sciences



Animal Behavior & Veterinary

GENDER EQUALITY

You will contribute to impactful and sustainable gender equality initiatives by taking part in this internship. You will deliver weekly workshops to women and girls' leadership groups, including teaching conversational English, as well as computing skills. Project workshops aim to develop



participants' confidence and self-sufficiency in order to promote new ways of thinking about employment and income generation. Participating in this internship means you will play an important role in highlighting positive female role models in the local community and beyond.



Nepal, India, Laos & South Africa



Education



Women & Gender Studies



OUR DESTINATIONS

Mexico

Students learn about marine conservation, ecosystems, biodiversity, and climate change in Mexico while contributing towards local environmental preservation efforts. Or, they can gain intercultural competency and improve their Spanish while positively impacting the lives of disadvantaged children and vulnerable adults through teaching, sports and healthcare efforts.

Costa Rica

Students live on a remote research station and learn about rainforest ecosystems while assisting with turtle, jaguar, bird, and forest conservation initiatives. Or, they can support long-term initiatives to fight educational inequality to gain a deeper understanding of international development, environmental sustainability, diverse ecosystems, global citizenship, and intercultural competency.

Peru

Students will journey to the Western coast of South America to visit Peru, known for its cultural history stretching back more than ten centuries, and its incredible fusion cuisine, to work with local organisations to provide additional support at local schools, guide gender equality workshops and provide communities with more hands to help get development work done.

India

Students learn about India's severe inequalities while contributing towards sustainable community projects focused on gender equity and women's access to education. Our service-learning program in Kerala, India combines community development with a curriculum that provides an in-depth exploration of current issues, possible solutions, and the community's own efforts to address the challenges they face.

South Africa

Students work to improve infrastructure and the general learning environment for local disadvantaged children, while completing coursework structured around learning objectives that incorporate best practices for service-learning. Or, they can gain insight into both wildlife research techniques and conservation activities by living at a research base within the game reserve and taking advantage of the educational opportunities available in this spectacular natural environment.

Ghana

Students will support communities in their efforts to improve the quality of basic education offered at schools, increase awareness around how to prevent common illnesses and provide women with the support they need to become more financially independent and socially empowered.

Greece

Students work alongside local organizations to conserve turtles in Greece and gain valuable conservation skills by helping to record nesting activity and protect hatchlings from predators as they make their first journey to the ocean. Students make a difference by conserving endangered loggerhead turtles and sharing proper conservation practices with the community members.

Nepal

Students contribute to sustainable development projects connected to ongoing earthquake relief efforts to gain intercultural competency, while engaging in educational activities related to Nepali culture and daily service activities.

Laos

Students teach English classes to novice monks and local community members, or participate on our women's empowerment program that works towards building gender equality in the region.

Thailand

Students learn about educational inequalities while contributing towards sustainable solutions to develop personal and professional skills through hands-on experience with project coordination, in addition to completing connected educational assignments. Or, they can dive into terrestrial conservation efforts by learning about the region's bio-learning about the region's bio-diversity while contributing to research that facilitates local turtle rehabilitation.

Fiji

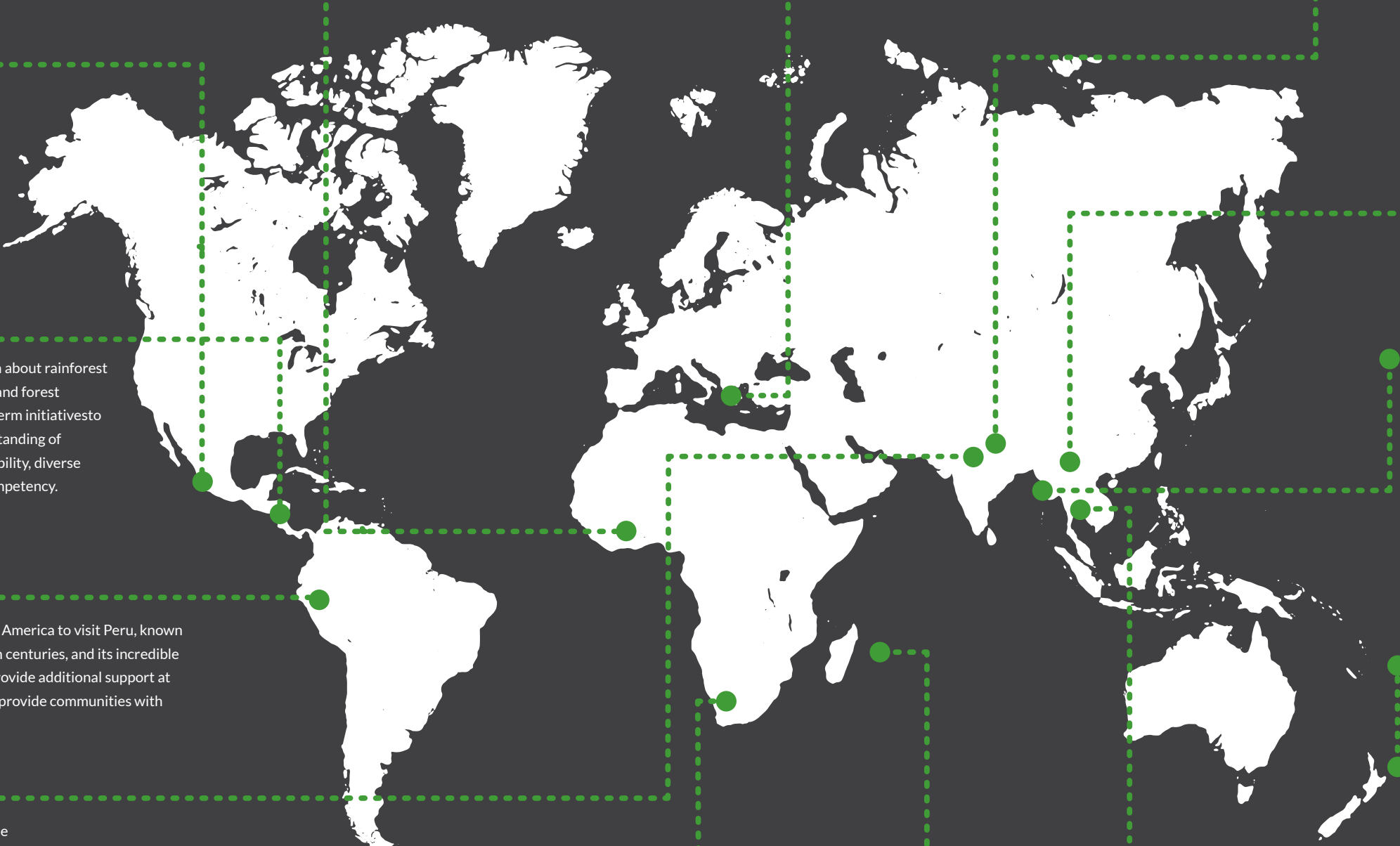
Students contribute to sustainable development in Fiji by expanding upon marine conservation skills and knowledge to help protect the fragile marine environment. Alternatively, they can engage in community development to positively impact the area by partnering with local community members to provide educational enhancement for children and adults, conduct sports programs, and participate in women's empowerment initiatives.

Seychelles

Students have the opportunity to make a difference by contributing to critical marine conservation projects or terrestrial conservation programs focused on protecting lemon sharks, giant tortoises, and indigenous plant species in this beautiful island country. The paradise of the Seychelles is the ideal location to gain new skills while making a worthwhile difference in a well-preserved and tranquil tropical archipelago.

Cambodia

Students will discover tropical beaches, cycle along the banks of the magnificent Mekong river or central great lake, and practice the art of getting lost in the massive otherworldly splendor of Angkor Wat, all while working on education, women's empowerment, and community development volunteer and internship programs in the capital of Cambodia.

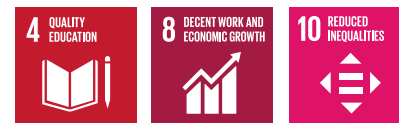




12+ WEEKS INTERNSHIPS

TEACHING & TEFL

Give your teaching career a head start when you join this internship. Become a fully qualified TEFL teacher and put your skills to good use teaching English to a local community. You will spend time leading weekly lessons in schools, providing small



group tutoring, as well as getting involved in one-on-one sessions. Participants also gain valuable insight into the coordination and running of educational workshops, as well as general management of projects on the ground.



Costa Rica, Laos & Thailand



Education

COASTAL CONSERVATION

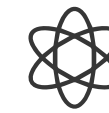
Develop your practical skills and conservation experience while learning about and assisting with the climate and conservation challenges facing the local community. While working with key in-field partners, you will be educating the community on



the UN SDGs, and could be spending your time conducting biodiversity research and environmental education in Thailand; or collecting data on turtles, tortoises, mangroves and lemon sharks, alongside the Seychelles National Park Authority.



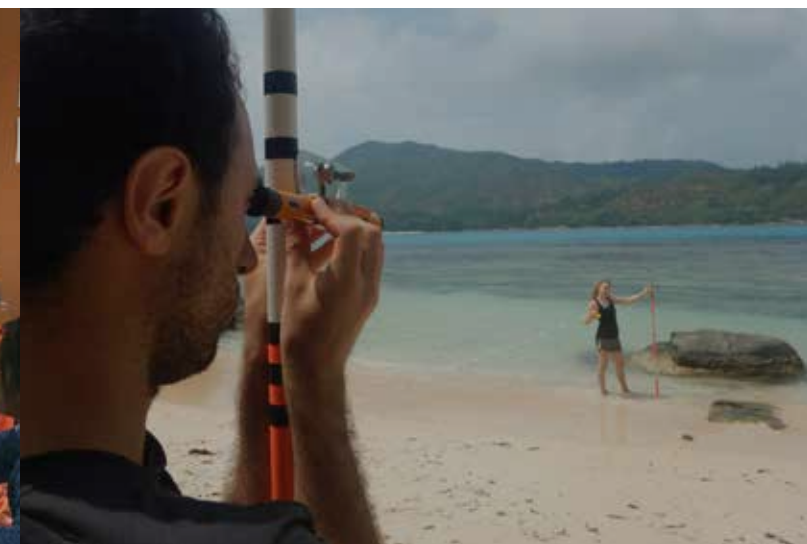
Greece, Thailand & Seychelles



Biological and Environmental Sciences



Marine Biology





GLOBAL HEALTH

Join GVI staff and partners and discuss critical global health issues and contribute towards viable solutions. You will be working alongside local citizens on a healthcare project that will serve long term community needs. You could be participating in mobile health camps for rural areas in India



and Nepal; conducting hygiene workshops and giving routine children's health checks in Thailand (e.g. taking height and weight measurements); or delivering healthcare workshops in Nepal, India, or Thailand (e.g. nutrition, first aid, hygiene).



Thailand, India & Nepal



Education



Global Health



Sustainable Agriculture

SAFARI FIELD GUIDE COURSE

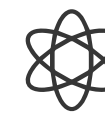
This internship is based on the FGASA (Field Guide Association of Southern Africa) syllabus, which will prepare you for a career in a number of wildlife-focused roles. You will gain in-depth knowledge of Southern African fauna and flora, bush skills such as wildlife tracking, shooting competency,



4x4 driving, outdoor first aid, wildlife photography, and surveying techniques. Your training will include the practical application of subjects such as conservation, ecology, reserve management, geology and animal behavior.



South Africa



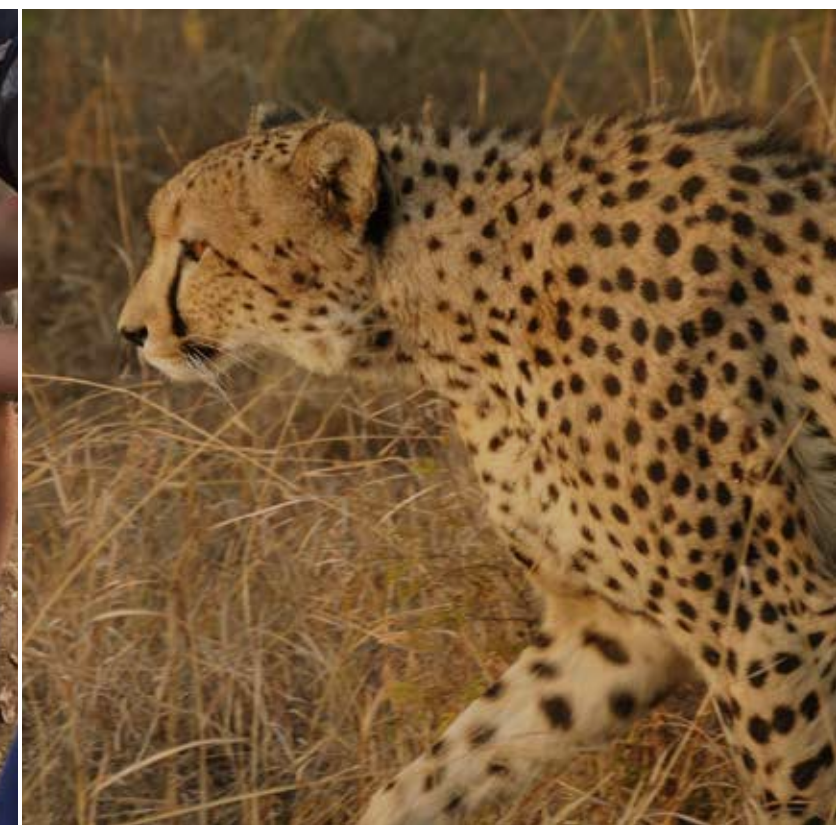
Biological and Environmental Sciences



Education



Hospitality & Tourism



THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

On September 25th 2015, the United Nations created a set of Sustainable Development Goals focusing on 17 unique targets - including topics such as poverty, health, education, climate change and gender equality - all to be achieved by 2030.

Every GVI project is aligned with these SDGs and has short, medium and long term milestones that are focused on achieving progress on these issues. In conjunction with key partners and the local communities, each internship has a direct impact on a multitude of the SDGs.



GVI'S NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NSP)

GVI funds National Scholarship Programs world-wide to enable local nationals to participate in projects and to acquire transferable skills for their future careers. With a goal of increasing local capacities and providing unique opportunities for local youth, the NSP enables individuals to gain valuable practical experience in marine/terrestrial monitoring techniques, teaching, entrepreneurship or community development skills, among other areas. The NSP builds long term capacity in the

communities GVI partners with, ensuring that sustainable solutions are achieved and future generations are equipped to tackle issues as they arise.

NSP participants often work alongside GVI interns, affording our interns the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their host community and the significance of the work in which they are engaged.



GVI ADD-ONS

Most of our internships offer you exciting add-ons, to enrich your time abroad and add value to your international experience:

- The GVI Biological Survey Techniques workshop can be added on to certain conservation projects, which will provide you with the training and experience needed to start planning your own surveys in the field and which can also be applied to any environment around the world.
- Travel insurance is essential for all participants of GVI projects and we offer professional insurance services to make sure you are covered during all stages of your trip.
- Spanish lessons are offered for our Mexico and Costa Rica community programs.
- Our Emergency First Response (EFR) certification encompasses adult, child and infant CPR and first aid skills, as well as incorporating automatic external defibrillator (AED) training and emergency oxygen use.
- An optional, 3-credit internship seminar will be available beginning summer 2018.
- One-day and overnight excursions to visit local cultural sites and natural wonders.

WHAT'S INCLUDED WHAT ISN'T

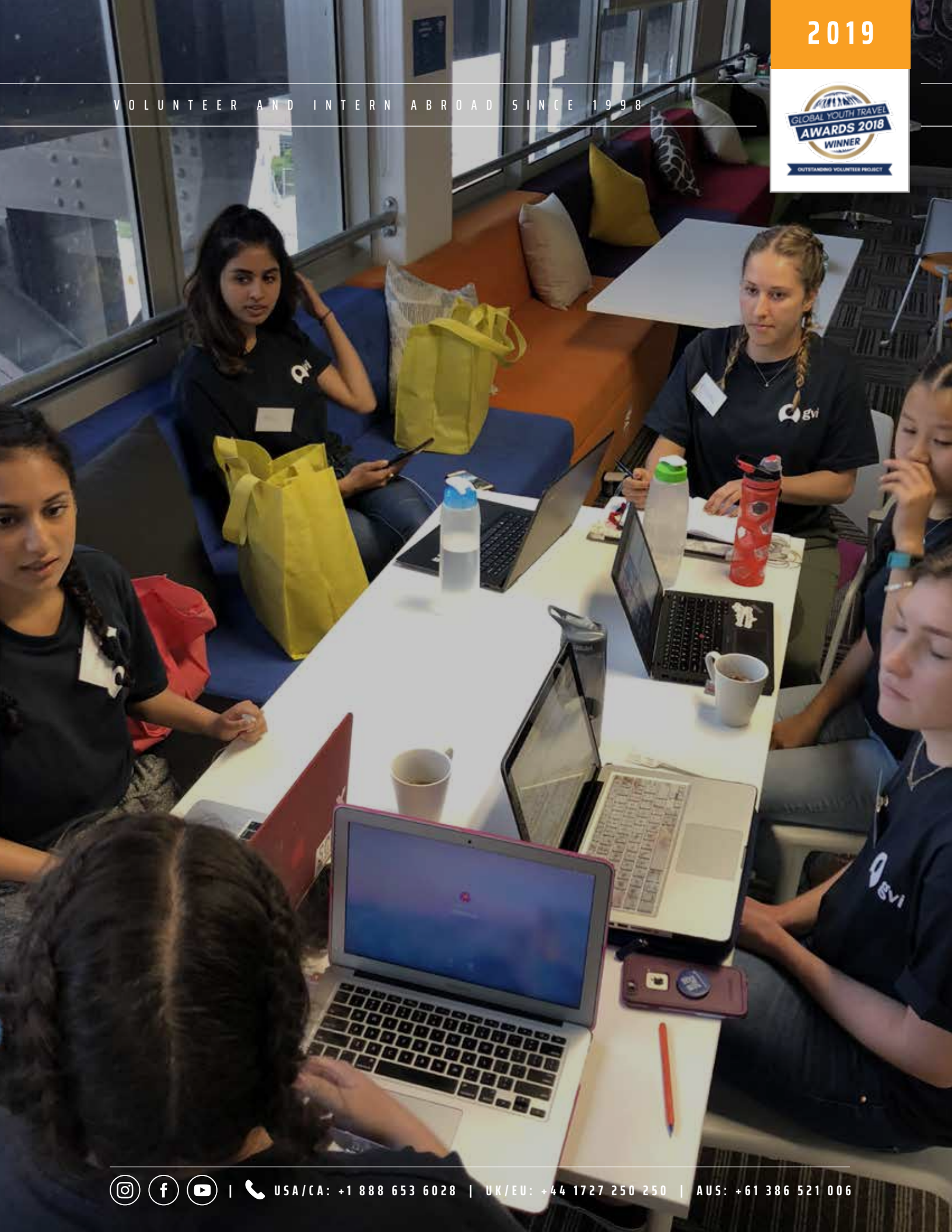
WHAT DOES MY PROGRAM FEE COVER?

- Internship Placement
 - Pre-Departure Support and Materials
 - Accommodation & All Meals
 - Training and Orientation
 - 24-hour In-Country Support
 - Project Equipment and Materials
 - Not to mention the unforgettable, off-the-beaten track, life changing experiences!
- Your fee does not include flights, visas, travel insurance or spending money.



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