



Internship Information

Everything you need to know!

Africaid's internship programme is an essential part of our organization in order to keep the WhizzKids United programme run smoothly. We are striving to give our interns an unforgettable experience in South Africa and make the programme beneficial to both the interns and the organization. Experience tells that it usually takes time for interns to get accustomed to the South African working environment, so in order to get the most out of this internship we prefer intern to stay for at least six months.

However, if you are limited in time or resources and would like to come for a shorter stay, please feel free to contact us and we will check our needs. We need to stress to you that you will not be spending much of your work time out on the football pitch or coaching the kids. The programme itself is run entirely by trainers hired from within the communities where we work. Interns mostly do office work, which is less glamorous but is still a very valuable and rewarding experience. However, we do try to ensure that everyone gets to spend some time in the field and with the kids!

Africaid does not compensate intern financially for services rendered. However, many charities in Africa charge their volunteers a fee, while Africaid does **not**.



You can read about our current interns' experiences and work on our blog at www.whizzkidsunited.org/blog

Costs & Everyday-Items

Rent for living in the WhizzKids United house will be R100 per day for the duration of your stay, payable at the beginning of each month. Volunteers also contribute R25 per week into a pot for common household needs (bread, milk, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc.)



With the current exchange rate the cost level of groceries is quite low compared to Western European countries or North America. Especially going out as well as entertainment is cheaper than in Western countries. All things considered you can live comfortably on a budget of R6000 per month.

The current exchange rate might also influence your packing. Don't bring too much! Whatever you have forgotten or deliberately left home, you can buy here. Also don't feel like you need to bring lots of clothes with you as we have a housekeeper who does the laundry. She washes almost every day and returns your clothes ironed.

You also don't need to bring any towels or bedding. They are provided except for those you want to take out of the house (e.g. beach towels). But still, you can buy them cheaply here.

For your every-day work it is inevitable to bring your own laptop as we cannot provide you with a computer. Please note, that you will need your own travel insurance which must also cover your laptop. Our insurance policies do not cover the personal items of staff, including the laptop. Moreover, please bear in mind that you might need plug adapters. But before searching for them at home, at least for Germans, it's easy to buy them here once you arrive

Normally, we have free Internet /WiFi access both at home and at work.

Also it would be very useful if to bring an internationally valid driver's license (and be able and comfortable to drive a manual transmission), a cell phone (SIM cards can be purchased easily here) and a credit card (for your personal use, ATMs are widely available).

If you would like to travel in South Africa make sure to bring a backpack as well.

About Durban

If you like sunshine, beaches and the chilling ocean breeze, Durban is the right place for you! South Africa's second biggest city (don't bother what the Cape Townians say) is located on the east coast and offers you a wide range of leisure facilities.

Tourist destinations that are within easy driving distance for a weekend trip include The Lion Park, Drakensberg Mountains, St. Lucia Wetland Park, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, and Oribi Gorge.

The Moses Mabhida Stadium built for the 2010 FIFA World Cup is situated 5km away from the WKU house. It is about a six-hour drive to Johannesburg, a nine-hour drive to Maputo, and an 18-hour drive to Cape Town. Flights to Johannesburg or Cape Town can be obtained for as little as R1500 return, while flights to Maputo are about R1700 return.



Find out more about Durban by just clicking here:

www.durban.gov.za

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durban

The WKU house



The volunteer house is located in Glenwood, a suburb of Durban near the city centre, the beach and the harbour. You can reach everything within 15 minutes by bus or car. One of the three cars WhizzKids owns is available after work for private usage. It is shared by all volunteers.



A shopping centre can be easily reached in few minutes by foot. Everything else you need to survive is near the house: an ATM, a bigger shopping mall, a pub, a little park and a gym.

You will live in your own room, including a bed, a desk and a wardrobe. You will share a bathroom, with shower and bathtub, with other interns in the house. Usually there are 2-3 interns, including yourself, with whom you are sharing these facilities.

Two rooms with en-suite bathrooms are reserved for long term interns, who generally stay one year or longer.



Everybody shares a big kitchen, a comfortable living room with DSTV (cable), a lovely terrace and a small garden. As mentioned above already, there is a full-time housekeeper Monday to Friday who does laundry (washing and ironing) and cleans the bathroom and bedrooms.

You will buy your own food, but we like to have communal dinner every now and then. Sometimes we cook all together, sometimes we just go out.

For your own food storage you get some space in the fridge, freezer and cupboard.

One of the most important issues with living in South Africa is security and even though the WKU house is in an affluent area it is extra secure, surrounded by an electric fence and protected by a private security company. If you stick to some general security rules and don't play on your iPhone while walking on the street, you should be fine.



Any more questions? If so please feel free to contact us any time by email or phone.

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