

# **THE TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING'S** **SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**IN-PERSON PROGRAM: MONDAY, JUNE 28 – FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021**

**PLEASE NOTE: If we cannot run our in-person program, we will run a virtual program. More information to follow about the virtual program as needed. This decision will be made by mid-January.**

**Please be certain to read the application carefully.**

Since 2005, the Temple of Understanding has implemented its commitment to education of youth by hosting a Summer Internship Program. TOU's student interns have the opportunity to attend some open meetings of the UN Security Council, the General Assembly, and various committees. It is our hope that this program launches their careers as global citizens who care about the humanitarian goals embraced by the UN.

This program provides individuals with a hands-on learning experience of the work of the UN for four intensive weeks. Students often discover their passion for a career in foreign affairs and related fields. Students accepted into this program have the opportunity to meet with different Missions and NGOs for discussions based on their specific questions and interests. Applicants are from different parts of the United States, as well as many other countries, and must be 18 years old by June 20, 2021.

Student interns also choose a topic for research that they are passionate about and that connects with the work of the Temple of Understanding. They present what they learn through an oral presentation and written paper at the end of the program. Throughout the program, student interns also have the opportunity to learn about different religions through visits to various interfaith sites, and they participate in volunteer work, which includes park cleanups, serving food at soup kitchens, and teaching other youth about the UN.

This internship is a commitment, and each day should be taken very seriously. Student interns are expected to be self-motivated, responsible, and dedicated in addition to being interested in the work of the UN as part of a future career. They are expected to be professional and respectful, to be on time each day, to be actively involved, to turn in assignments on time, and to put forth their best effort.

For more information about the program, including the daily schedule, pictures, and assignments, please see our Tumblr Site, Instagram Page, and a video created by a 2016 student intern. You can also explore the Temple of Understanding's website and social media to learn more about our organization and to see former interns' projects and papers.

**Tumblr:**

<http://templeofunderstanding.tumblr.com/>

**Instagram:**

<https://www.instagram.com/touinternship/?hl=en>

**Video of 2016 Program:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDICI\\_VxJlg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDICI_VxJlg)

**Temple of Understanding Websites and Social Media:**

[www.templeofunderstanding.org](http://www.templeofunderstanding.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheTempleOfUnderstanding/>

[https://twitter.com/the\\_tou](https://twitter.com/the_tou)

<http://www.ic4ec.org/>

Please fill in all of the information on this application form and email the completed application to [internships@templeofunderstanding.org](mailto:internships@templeofunderstanding.org) by **FEBRUARY 12, 2021**. The title of your application document should include your first and last name. You will receive an email confirming that we have received your application from Amy Pacula. If you do not hear back from us within 48 hours, please resend your application. **Late applications will not be reviewed. There are NO exceptions.**

You will receive an email stating whether or not you are accepted into the program by March 26, 2021. We ask that you do not inquire about acceptances before March 26, 2021.

**APPLICATION FOR THE TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING'S**

**2021 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Age (You <u>MUST</u> be at least 18 years old BY JUNE 20, 2021 to receive a UN Grounds Pass. There are <u>NO</u> exceptions.)</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>E-mail Address</b>	
<b>Current School</b>	
<b>Home Address (include state and/or country)</b>	
<b>Telephone Numbers</b>	Home: _____ Cell: _____
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
<b>Religious Affiliation (including Atheism)</b>	
<b>Summer Address (You are responsible for finding your own housing if you are accepted. Housing must be secured by April 30, 2021.)</b>	
<b>Parents' Names</b>	
<b>Parents' Telephone Numbers</b>	
<b>Parents' Email Addresses</b>	
<b>How did you find out about our program?</b>	
<b>Have you applied before? If so, when?</b>	
<b>*Are you applying for a scholarship?</b>	

\*The fee for the Summer Internship Program is \$2,250. This fee covers travel to service and religious sites, honorariums for speakers, room rentals, supplies, and various other expenses.

Once you are accepted, a \$1,000 deposit will be due by April 15, 2021 and the remainder of the fee will be due no later than May 15, 2021. If you do not pay the fee by May 15, your place in the program will be forfeited without refund.

If the fee represents a financial hardship for you, please submit a request for a scholarship with your application. There is a box for this on the next page. We cannot grant any scholarships after you are accepted into the program, but please note that requesting a scholarship will not impact our decision.

**Background and Interests**

Please answer all of the following six questions. Your response to each question should be at least one paragraph long.

<p>1. Please review the Temple of Understanding’s work in connection to the United Nations on our website. Which area of the Temple of Understanding’s work are you most interested in and explain how you might contribute to it?</p> <p><u>Choose one of the following.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Ecological Justice</li> <li>*Food Sovereignty</li> <li>*Human Right to Water</li> <li>*Interfaith Education</li> <li>*Peacemaking</li> <li>*Women’s Initiatives</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Please write which area of the Temple of Understanding’s work you are most interested in and explain how you might contribute to it.</u></b></p>
<p>2. What other topics are you interested in that are discussed at the UN? (These do not have to be in the list above.)</p>	
<p>3. What major activities, clubs, jobs, and volunteer positions have you participated in over the last three years (both during the school year and during the summer)? Please describe how these experiences have influenced you.</p>	
<p>4. What personal strengths and skills will you bring to the Temple of Understanding’s Summer Internship Program and to your fellow interns?</p>	
<p>5. What are your expectations of our program?</p>	
<p>6. What do you think sets you apart from other applicants?</p>	

**Optional**

<p>*If you are applying for a scholarship, please write 4-5 sentences about why you are asking for financial aid and include a tax form for 2019 or 2020.</p>	
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