



**ESPA**  
The Next Generation of  
International Talent

## Who is ESPA?

ESPA – European Student Placement Agency – has supported students and recent graduates find rewarding internships in the UK, since 2012. We offer internships abroad, across a huge range of industry types, in some of the UK most thriving towns and cities. We believe students should have access to international opportunities, and that is why we offer our services free of charges.

## Type of internships

We have a wide range of business partners that are excited to welcome a fresh mind and bring new ideas to a project, an eye-opening insight into an export market, language skills to develop relationships and more. We offer 5-month minimum internships in many ranges of studies, for example engineering, business, marketing, sciences, IT, hospitality, pharmacy, and more.

## What are the ESPA benefits?

After being successfully hired for a rewarding internship, we will provide you with in placement support, paid accommodation, utility bills (internet included), travel ticket to work (if needed) and a welcome pack that will give you tips and recommendations on what to do in your new city. We also provide a 24/7 help line if you need us at any time.

## Your accommodation

Part of our benefit is that you don't need to stress about finding accommodation in a new country – we will handle that for you! You will have a private room in a mixed gender household where you will share the common areas with other ESPA interns or young professionals. The accommodation and utility bills (water, electricity, internet) will be paid by the company during your entire internship.

## How do I apply?

Please [register](#) on our website and upload your updated CV in English. You can add to your CV your projects, skills and experiences acquired during your academic years. You can then apply to all the internships you are interested in!

You will receive an eligibility form via email. Please answer those questions and don't worry if you don't have all the answers – this form and your CV will help us understand your requirements and preferences for an internship, and we will contact you to book an interview.



## How much does it cost to come to the UK?

After Brexit, every student wanting to come to the UK for an internship experience must have a sponsor to apply for the Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) and visa. The CoS has a fixed cost of 1100€ but we have agreements with the businesses we work with, and they will support you in paying for this cost.

The company will pay 600€ and you will have to pay 500€.

Once you have your CoS, you will apply for your visa on the Government website. This visa is called Government Authorised Exchange Visa (Temporary Worker), and it will cost approximately 350€, depending on the exchange rate.

We will ask 200€ as a refundable deposit if you are successfully selected. This is an internship deposit, and it will be refunded to you once you finish your internship provided your internship is completed in full, you let ESPA know of any changes to your circumstances e.g contact details, change of address and that your accommodation is left clean and tidy with no damages!

In summary, if selected for an ESPA internship, it will cost you 500€ for the Certificate of Sponsorship, approximately 350€ for your visa and 200€ refundable deposit. You will only pay for these costs if you are offered the internship.

## How to fund your internship?

Students can still apply for funding from the university to financially support themselves during their experience abroad. ESPA is not responsible for the grant management, this needs to be confirmed with your university. Please contact your Erasmus or International Office.

If you are not eligible for funding, you can still apply for our programme. However, you will have to financially support yourself. This can be through personal savings, family support, other regional or governmental funding etc.

If you have any question, please send an email to [talent@espauk.com](mailto:talent@espauk.com).