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**IMPACT INTERNSHIPS
AND VOLUNTEER
PLACEMENTS ABROAD**

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WELCOME TO KAYA RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We are an experiential education abroad organization with a mission to promote sustainable social, environmental, and economic development, empower communities and cultivate educated, compassionate global citizens, through responsible travel programs.

At Kaya, we combine the ability for you to gain global experience in your academic area or field of interest, with the opportunity to contribute to environmental or social development activities, through our **IMPACT INTERNSHIPS** and **VOLUNTEER SERVICE** placements.

We operate year-round in more than 30 locations across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean, offering you a great range of program options to match your skills and interests.

We pride ourselves on balancing our support for our participants with support for the local communities in which we work, to ensure a level of service that enables everyone the opportunity to collaborate, immerse, learn, contribute to positive action, and enjoy the experience of traveling the world more responsibly.

Our commitment to ethical best practices in community engagement informs the structure of our programs to ensure Kaya participants are welcomed and supported. Through awareness, reflection, and discussion of the challenges we work with, Kaya participants can become responsible travelers and educated, compassionate global citizens.

ALL KAYA PROGRAMS OFFER:



Real world experience & cultural immersion



Options to participate in social or environmental initiatives



Commitment to sustainable, locally-led organizations



Evaluated & risk assessed placements



Support for participants & hosts



Focus on identity & self-awareness



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Not only can you fulfill your internship requirements working alongside local professionals in hundreds of academic fields, but you can also have a positive influence on the world.

All Kaya host organizations are focused on activities that have positive social or environmental impacts.

As a Kaya Intern, you will work alongside professionals in your academic field, learning about the work of your organization and carrying out tasks and activities that contribute to their goals. Placements are structured around learning outcomes, but also allow you to immerse in the day-to-day of your host organization.

Our ground teams will support you throughout your stay and our re-entry tool helps you process your experience and apply it to your resume and future career.

Kaya has internship options in a wide range of academic areas across our locations. The following pages outline some of those primary academic areas.

Speak to a Kaya placement advisor to discuss your unique skills and interests so we can find the best option for you!

ACADEMIC CREDIT

If you are looking to earn credit for your internship, there are also options available;

Gain home institution

credit: We can customize your placement to ensure you fulfill your home institution requirements, and your supervisors can complete any paperwork or evaluations.



Gain Kaya transfer Credits:

Kaya's School of Record is Hartwick College, NY. Through our affiliation, every Kaya intern can request additional transfer credits (at an additional cost.) By submitting additional reflections and presentations you can earn between 3-16 credits based on the length of your placement.



Speak to your academic advisor to discuss your best credit options, and ask the Kaya team for more details.

VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS

Can't travel abroad? You can still get a global experience working remotely from home on a Kaya Virtual Internship.

OUR GLOBAL LOCATIONS

Whether you want to gain practical experience, complete an elective or practicum or carry out a research project, Kaya offers a wide variety of quality internship programs in interesting locations across the world.



INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

Why choose to participate in an international internship? There are so many great benefits, but these are top reasons why we think everyone should consider an intern abroad program.



Gain experience in your field

Put theory into practice with a supervised internship. Get practical experience in your field, on projects that can benefit from your skills and give you the professional exposure you need.



Develop intercultural skills

Demonstrate your ability to communicate, work efficiently and solve problems in a different country - building the skills you need to operate in multicultural and global environments.



Make your resume stand out

In a competitive job market, you need experiences that catch the interest of recruiters and make employers offer you an interview to find out more.



Discover your strengths

Step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to find where your real strengths and passions lie - and in doing so prove your resilience and ability to handle change.



Connect with people

Make important connections to build a professional network - both within your organization and also with other like-minded individuals from around the world.



Immerse in local culture

Working and living alongside local people offers the best opportunity to truly understand and experience the culture of a country, and the realities of operating in your chosen field.



EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | PERU

As an education intern you can choose to join a placement in Peru, working at a rural school, assisting with various classroom activities. You may help prepare lesson plans and materials with an allotted time each day for you to teach subjects like English, Math, Computer skills, or other subjects relating to your background.

Adult education opportunities present themselves in the form of planning and delivering workshops to upskill or inform the community. Researching the various topics that would benefit the local adults, you may address issues such as sanitation, childcare, recycling, mental health and various other fields.



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EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK & PSYCHOLOGY

If you are studying in the fields of Education, Social, and Behavioral Sciences or Psychology we have some great options for internship placements.

For students in education you can gain valuable experience while supporting the objective of universal education access. You can inspire and facilitate learning in a host of settings including pre-schools, elementary schools, and high schools, as well as community centers, adult support groups, youth projects, mobile libraries, and more. Whether teaching or assisting with curriculum development, there are options that match your skills and interests.

For those studying Social work, Human and Behavioral Sciences, and Psychology, there are a great number of placements to choose from. You can work alongside professionals supporting individuals affected by issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking, migration, child exploitation, bullying, and other situations that benefit from support services.

Internships in this area provide support for some of the most in-need communities and can provide great insight into the different approaches used to deal with difficult topics in culturally-considerate ways.



HEALTH SCIENCES

For students in the fields of Health Science, getting a global health perspective can be invaluable.

Working in an international setting can provide great insight into the different approaches, techniques, and health systems adopted in different parts of the world. This, in turn, can give a great perspective for future health professionals.

Whether you are looking to satisfy an elective, a rotation, or a practicum, or just gain some work experience, Kaya works with hospitals, clinics, government health ministries, therapists, health centers, public health initiatives, and health charities that serve our communities around the world, and welcome the support of student health workers.

With a focus on observation, learning, and capacity building, we ensure students practice only within their qualifications and the registration rules of each location. We welcome interns in placements across the breadth of health disciplines - from nursing, general practice, and public health to specialisms such as women's health, dentistry, nutrition, and physical therapy.

Kaya operates the highest ethical standards for student health placements and recognizes the value that comes from collaboration in cultural exchange and understanding while respecting the dignity and privacy of patients and communities.



EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | SOUTH AFRICA

On our health placement in South Africa you can choose to work in different fields of health. You can gain an insight into how the local healthcare system works, and see the approaches taken to treat and manage common local diseases such as HIV. Students working in our clinics and public health projects have assisted in taking vitals, attended home visits, carried out patient workshops, carried out surveys, shadowed practitioners on their rounds, and provided help with daily routines. Placements are available for pre-med to post-grad students in various fields of health.



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EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | ZAMBIA

Join our sports internship based in Zambia where you can work with primary school students, teenage sports teams, or as part of a wider community outreach initiative focused on the social and physical benefits of sports and teamwork. Physical education is sorely neglected in Zambia due to a lack of trained teachers, so beyond planning your classes or training teams, your internship may also involve capacity-building through training teachers who can continue your work. While equipment is hard to come by, enthusiasm is not, and you can develop great team building activities that can encourage involvement. This long-standing project can offer a very rewarding professional and personal experience as a sports and recreation intern.



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SPORTS SCIENCE AND RECREATION

If you are studying for a career in sports, kinesiology or physical therapies, or are interested in outdoor recreation, tourism or hospitality, we have some great options for your internship.

Sports and movement science students can get involved in placements focused on coaching, physical education, sports development, and youth empowerment.

For those interested in physical, occupational, and movement therapy, we have placements in clinics and hospitals as well as elderly care and rehabilitation facilities.

For students interested in tourism, hospitality, and outdoor recreation, you can find internships in game reserves, eco-tourism resorts, and host-community homestays. These placements in sustainable outdoor and cultural tourism and hospitality provide experience in the growing sector of responsible tourism.



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE & JUSTICE

If your interests lie in social justice, then Kaya can offer you the very best opportunities to intern in an international setting.

Working in NGOs, charities, development programs, and government initiatives, you can gain valuable experience in all aspects of establishing, maintaining, and managing operations within a development organization.

Working with issues relating to human rights, gender empowerment, poverty reduction, healthcare access, education, sustainable environments, and more, you can learn about the realities of development while advancing the goals of your organization.

“You’ll get to meet other like-minded people from around the globe. Not only is it a fantastic life experience but it also looks great on your resume. It demonstrates you are capable of working hard in a completely foreign environment whilst getting involved in causes that matter to you. A quality which I am sure future employers value.”

Sonny, Mozambique Intern



EXAMPLE PLACEMENTS | MOROCCO AND BELIZE

Our women’s empowerment internship in Morocco is a great project to learn about rights and laws concerning women in the MENA region. In this program, you might assist in carrying out research, organize and deliver workshops to help women build entrepreneurial and other skills, and carry out evaluations the impact of these initiatives providing opportunities for women to achieve a better life for themselves and their families.

In Belize, you can learn how a foreign government functions in our political science internship, where you can get involved in collecting information from the local communities, looking at campaign strategy and exploring ways to fundraise.



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EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | UGANDA

Gain valuable business experience with our microfinance and entrepreneurship internship in Uganda. Join an organization helping those who have an entrepreneurial spirit, but do not have the knowledge necessary to start a small business, as they set up new enterprises. Work alongside a team assisting entrepreneurs in areas such as basic bookkeeping, loan utilization and repayment, and how to manage cash flow. You could also assist future entrepreneurs in business planning, pricing strategy, marketing or skills related to procurement and negotiation.



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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Business and Management students can discover amazing internship opportunities in Kaya locations.

By joining a Kaya international internship, you can expand your business skills and gain valuable work experience in areas such as management, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, PR, administration, and fundraising - all within organizations that have positive social or environmental impacts.

Your business skills can be invaluable for organizations that suffer from low resources and can provide the opportunity you need to put your skills into practice, in an impactful way. At the same time, you can learn from local professionals operating in challenging markets, working with multicultural teams, and embracing entrepreneurship, while gaining vital communication skills in an international setting.

We help you select your internship to focus on your area of interest, with a host of opportunities available around the world.



ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

Apply your creative talents in an organization where you can make a difference as you gain global experiences and perspectives.

Through a Kaya internship in the creative arts, you can support initiatives that have social and environmental impacts, while working alongside local professionals.

If you are an artist or designer, you can work in art education, art therapy, cultural preservation, or support organizations in communicating messages through different mediums.

For those with a passion for photography or film, you can run skills camps, learn to capture wildlife and human stories in images, or help organizations document their work and achievements.

If you are studying performing arts, join music, dance, and theatre placements that are inspiring youth, engaging in therapies, or sharing cultural experiences.

For architecture and urban design majors, join organizations working on sustainable environments, public housing, urban greening, and traditional structures.

And for those with an interest in Archaeology, join historical preservation sites in interesting locations.



EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | ECUADOR

Consider interning at our visual and performing arts placement in Ecuador, a long-standing, integrated project for children and young adults with disabilities or learning difficulties. With your knowledge in the visual arts, you could be assisting with writing class notes, designing visual aids and customizing activities for developing the artistic skills and craft abilities of the students in various techniques. If your interest lies in the performing arts, you may be tasked to create customized group or individual music and dance practices, or fine-tune techniques, as this program boasts a full orchestra and performing dance group.



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EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | GHANA

Participate in our journalism internship in Ghana, and work within a range of news organizations.

Some of the tasks you can expect to participate in include editing, copy-writing, researching, interviewing and reporting. You will work alongside local journalists who will give you a good feel for the environment and your great communication skills will help you get the information and insight you need from diverse people in various communities.

Depending on your field of interest, you will have the opportunity to work in a number of newspapers, radio stations and TV networks around the country.



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COMMUNICATIONS, JOURNALISM & MARKETING

If you are studying in any field of communications, Kaya has some fascinating options for your internship.

Join a placement working within companies and organizations that want to expand the reach of their message through various media.

As an intern, you can contribute to developing digital material such as websites and interactive platforms. You can help produce print materials from posters and flyers to instructional workbooks. Use your writing skills in investigative journalism and sharing important public service messages. Apply your language skills, diplomatic skills, or persuasive skills within initiatives that are supporting advancements in community and environmental initiatives.

Your time as an intern can help you build your communications portfolio while contributing to positive impacts.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & ANIMAL SCIENCE

For those interested in the natural world, Kaya internships in Environmental Sciences and Wildlife are the best way to gain practical experience within projects tackling some of the most important global issues of our times.

For land conservation and management, you can join researchers and scientists in rainforests, savannas, jungles, and mountain environments. Join in data-gathering, carry out studies, and implement initiatives that restore habitats and help balance local ecosystems.

In the marine environment, students can join reef restoration projects, conduct underwater surveys and collect data on marine mammals, fish, and the unique organisms of our seas. Working with marine scientists, interns can contribute to valuable projects protecting our waters.

If you are studying zoology and animal sciences or are interested in veterinary work, our wildlife conservation and animal rescue initiatives offer an opportunity to work alongside some of the most fascinating reptiles, birds, insects, mammals, and amphibians on our planet. Whether conducting behavioral and population studies on wild populations or assisting rescue and rehabilitation at wildlife centers, you can contribute to the welfare of these species while you gain experience.



EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | SOUTH AFRICA

Kaya's animal science internships include programs for veterinary and pre-vet students, such as our project in South Africa. With small groups, you will benefit from intensive mentor sessions and hands-on practical experience as you get involved in a variety of tasks including immobilizations, administering treatments, wound care and surgical observations. Your experience may expose you to local wildlife as well as livestock and pets – the large and small animal aspect of veterinary work - as you visit various wildlife reserves in the African bush, as well as farms and rural villages.



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EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | VIETNAM

Join our multi-faceted agriculture internship in Vietnam, a program which focuses on research and approaches that lead to enhanced benefits for local farmers, businesses and communities. Your tasks may include field checks and diagnosis of problems, disease monitoring, collating soil sampling and statistics or assisting with irrigation scheduling. If you are interested in agricultural policy, you could be involved in cooperative development, territorial management and agro-industry clusters. You may also assist with compiling policy briefs and project documents, concluding your internship with a presentation on your findings.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

If you are studying in the field of Agriculture, or topics related to Food Security, then Kaya has some great internship options focused on sustainable land practices and tackling world hunger.

We have placements in organic farming, fair trade cooperatives, permaculture, animal husbandry, home-garden education, youth education, sustainability projects, and more.

You can learn how farmers in challenging environments maximize their crops, how environmental considerations are incorporated into farming practices, how the economics of fair trade work, or how nutritional needs are served through changing eating habits.

There are many organizations working to bring home and community gardens to low-income communities, and farm initiatives offering income opportunities to marginalized populations.



ENGINEERING & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Those studying engineering, computing, and resource management can also find great internship options with Kaya.

Join organizations working on social housing, sustainable building, green and renewable energy, climate change, and clean water initiatives. Work alongside professionals applying engineering and resource management skills for social and environmental benefit.

For computer science majors, you can work with programs bringing technology to social benefit initiatives and teach computing skills at all levels.

“I worked in two different primary schools to implement an energy-saving cookstove and improve a school gardening program respectively. With the stove, there was an immediate, noticeable difference in the efficiency of cooking and visible reduction in smoke emissions.” **Jocelyn**, Uganda Intern



EXAMPLE PLACEMENT | ECUADOR

On our Ecuador STEM placement, you can work with an organization focused on inspiring people to engage with the field, in the form of a TV channel. Here, interns work with a group of scientists to carry out research, develop experiments and produce episodes of a show that seeks to demonstrate and explain concepts in robotics, AI, programming, mechanics, industrial design, manufacturing, rapid prototyping, biology, biotechnology, and more!



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VOLUNTEER & SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS



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For shorter-term placements, alternative breaks, gap years or just a way to make the most of your spare time, while exploring the world, you can also join a Kaya Volunteer Service-Learning program.

Kaya offers you the opportunity to join in the ongoing work of our community development and environmental initiatives, while you learn about the issues they are tackling, and immerse in the local culture.

During our application process, we take the time to match your skills and interests to the right projects and locations where you can make the greatest difference. All Kaya volunteers contribute to sustainable, locally-led projects that need additional manpower to succeed in their missions. You can learn from the amazing teams leading these initiatives and know that you will be fully supported by our local team during your stay.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

As a volunteer, you can explore new countries and cultures in the most immersive way possible - by working alongside the local people tackling local issues. This can provide a great global perspective, and also scratch through the surface of the tourist experience to uncover deeper aspects of a location and its culture.

For your resume, volunteering placements can really help you stand out from the crowd - demonstrating your ability to work outside your comfort zone and giving you an opportunity to enhance all those soft skills that employers are searching for.

You can choose to volunteer on a range of different issues, using the skills you bring with you, and learning new skills along the way. For undecided majors, volunteering in an area can sometimes even help you find your path.

And, most importantly, you can contribute to making a difference in the world.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The UN Sustainable Development Goals set out 17 goals that the member countries of the United Nations agreed to prioritize, to tackle the world's most pressing challenges.

All Kaya internships and volunteer placements contribute to at least one (usually many more!) of the UN SDG's.

As a Kaya intern or volunteer, you know that your placement always contributes to addressing these important global issues, and can form a part of your future career focus in an increasingly socially-conscious global market.

“Be a global citizen. Act with passion and compassion. Help us make this world safer and more sustainable today and for the generations that will follow us. That is our moral responsibility.”

Ban-Ki Moon, UN Secretary-General

IMPACT TRAVEL GROUP



Facilitating journeys that change lives

Kaya operates as a proud member of the Impact Travel Group (ITG). As part of ITG, member companies subscribe to central commitments to operate and offer travel programs that focus on the benefit to the People, our Planet, Local Culture and our Travelers.

As part of this group, we collaborate to identify shared efficiencies, best practices, and the promotion of responsible travel that we hope will benefit all those who work alongside us.

We are driven by the philosophy of “Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu - a person is a person because of other people.” In essence, I am because you are, and you are because we are, promoting compassion, kindness, and fairness.

ITG IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

10K People helped back to health via home based care

12K KG's of waste removed from environment each year

3K Children in school received improvements by securing Government support

2 Million hours of Volunteer Service



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HOW TO APPLY

Connect with your study abroad office to get advice about your home institution processes, scholarships and registrations, as you work with the Kaya team. Then once you are ready to apply;



APPLY ONLINE

Apply online and pay your application fee to apply for your space on your chosen project. Our advisors will then contact you to guide you through the next steps.



TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Once we've received your application, we'll review your details and be in touch to arrange your informal telephone interview with your Kaya Placement Advisor.



CONFIRMATION

Following your interview, we will provide you a placement offer. Once you are ready to confirm your placement and dates, you can pay your confirmation fee to book and secure your space.



PREPARE TO GO

When you have confirmed your project dates we'll send you your Welcome Pack and lots of other helpful information to assist you with preparing for your placement.

FAQs

How long are Kaya programs?

Most Kaya placements are flexible. Service placements start at 2 weeks, Internships generally have 4-week minimums so you choose the length of your placement. We encourage you to stay 8 week or more for the best experience!

When should I start the application?

Start your planning early to secure the best placements and meet your institution's scholarship and application deadlines. We recommend finalizing plans at least one semester before your travel. But we can also arrange last-minute placements if your other plans fall through!

Are there internship opportunities for first and second-year students?

Yes, we do have internships available in various academic areas. Please inquire with your Kaya Placement Advisor.

I have specific questions. Can I contact Kaya?

Absolutely! We love questions! They allow us to offer you opportunities that best fit your interest and help you to get the most out of your internship experience.

I'm graduating, can I still go?

Yes! You can intern or volunteer even after you complete your studies!

“I think that interning abroad is one of the best activities you can do to grow your skills, your mindset, and your connections. There are some things that can only be experienced in-person and being fully immersed in a culture different from your own, teaches you so many valuable lessons and can offer the experience of a lifetime. My Kaya program helped provide another level of oversight on my trip, ensuring I had all of my “ducks in row”, and someone checking in on me throughout the entire process, which was very comforting.”

Jocelyn, Uganda intern



To find out more about our internships and the hundreds of project placements that Kaya can offer, visit www.KayaVolunteer.com email info@kayavolunteer.com or telephone **1 413 517 0266**