

GLOBAL AFRICA GATEWAY SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2025

Overview

The Africa Center (TAC) and the African Export–Import Bank (Afreximbank) have entered into a partnership to establish *Global Gateway Africa* at the institution's homebase in Harlem, New York. Both institutions have the continent at the heart of their respective mandates, and are committed to engaging on issues that contribute to more substantive engagement between the African continent and its wide diaspora. Global Africa Gateway would be a considerable step towards these goals, as the existence of such an entity within the Africa Center serves to significantly advance the work that TAC is currently engaged in to help build more resilient cultural and economic connections between the diaspora and the continent, and providing a conduit for the diaspora to positively impact Africa's growth. The initiative will be executed in three parts: (1) A research study, working in partnership with academic research institutions based on the continent to investigate emerging trends in the social, political, and economic characteristics of Africa's large and diverse diaspora. (2) a fully-funded internship program that supports graduate-level students from the diaspora in pursuing professional experiences in their fields of study with organizations working on the continent, and (3) an online professional networking platform for business and public affairs-minded professionals aimed at connecting individuals from the global African diaspora with career and networking opportunities with firms on (and from) the continent.

The Global Africa Gateway Summer Internship Program identifies and matches qualified candidates in the African diaspora with companies and organizations based on the African continent. The inaugural cohort will consist of 5 currently-enrolled or recently graduated students who demonstrate strong interest in establishing professional ties to the African continent. Selected interns will receive USD\$10,000 to cover the costs of travel, lodging, and other expenses. The experiences are designed to run for a duration of 8-12 weeks and the internship position will offer a schedule of up to 40 hours per week.

2025 Internships

The Global Africa Gateway Summer Internship Program will provide experiences across a range of sectors and subject matter, emphasizing areas of interest that align the needs of host organizations on the continent with the ambitions of candidates in the diaspora. The inaugural slate of internships will offer experiences in the fields of finance, manufacturing, construction, academia/think tank, and international non-governmental organizations. Internship opportunities in summer 2025 are available in South Africa, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Angola, and Togo.

Eligibility

The program is open to applicants who are:

- U.S. citizens who are of African descent.

- Students currently enrolled in full-time graduate-level study or recent graduates (within 6 months of graduation) from an accredited institution.
- Fluent in one of the AU official working languages (Arabic, English, French or Portuguese, Kishwahili).
- Applicants must be aged between 22 and 35 at the time of application;
- Meet all other requirements specified in the terms of reference.

Application requirements

For full consideration, interested candidates must submit all of the following information by the deadline of March 15th, 2025 at 11:59pm ET:

- 1000-word personal statement outlining their specific interests, ambitions, and why working on the continent is of interest.
- A resume/CV
- Two professional/academic references
- A passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended dates of travel.

How to apply

Please send all required materials by the application deadline to careers@theafricacenter.org