



Sample Individualized Placement Statements

The following are two sample statements from IE₃ applicants seeking individualized internship placements. Of course, each applicant's needs, experiences and interests are unique. These samples are intended to give you a sense of the level of detail and the types of information that are most helpful to the Regional Directors and their in-country partners as they search for an appropriate internship placement for you. If you are still unclear about what to include in your Individualized Placement Statement, please contact your Regional Director or Campus Advisor.

SAMPLE 1:

University of Montana Individualized Placement in Australia

International Internship Interest:

My interest in an international internship is to gain a global perspective on scientific research. Specifically I am interested in learning more about Oceanography and how different cultures research, protect, and conserve the oceans. I have a strong interest in global warming and the effects of global warming on the planet. Because the oceans are directly affected by global warming this area of study is rapidly changing which I believe makes for vibrant and exciting research. I also love traveling and exploring new cultures which is another reason why I am interested in an international internship.

Task:

My goal is to find an international internship where I will be conducting field research on a daily basis. I am interested in field data collection, working with conservation projects, and educating local communities about ocean conservation. I have my SSI open water dive certification and would enjoy participating in dive-based research.

Background and Motivation:

The first time I was introduced to the area of Oceanography was when I spent a year studying abroad in New Zealand. My flatmates were part of a team of scientific researchers and traveled to Antarctica, Australia, as well as many other South Pacific Islands to conduct research. After hearing about their experiences I knew that I wanted to explore the area of Oceanography in my future.

After graduating with a degree in Applied Mathematics I plan on entering a graduate program in Oceanography. I would like to participate in an international internship in order to apply the skills I have learned and also to prepare myself for graduate school. I think that participating in an international internship will broaden my experiences with scientific research and help carve my career pathway in Oceanography.

Kinds of Internships: Oceanography, Environmental Science, Applied Mathematics

SAMPLE 2:

**University of Oregon
Individualized Placement in Ireland**

I'm looking for a placement in an agency that is human service oriented. I'd like to be involved in creating curriculum, teaching classes, and evaluating program effectiveness. Ideally, I would like to work at an agency that provides services to couples and families. I am currently working at an agency in Eugene called St. Vincent de Paul First Place Family Development Center.

(<http://www.firstplacefamilycenter.org/>)

They provide a multitude of services to homeless families or families in transition. I've really enjoyed this experience so far so a similar agency might be a good fit. However, I'm also open to a new experience.

I don't want an internship working exclusively with an elderly, disabled, or child population.

Also, I was raised Catholic and from what I understand Ireland has a significant Catholic population. I would be comfortable working for a Catholic agency.