

Internship offer

Associazione Interculturale UNIVERSO

UNIVERSO is an intercultural non-profit association based in Bologna, Italy, since 2002. It was created by a group of students and workers, both foreign and Italian, with the aim of promoting and supporting social initiatives alongside motivating and facilitating mutual understanding between people of different cultures and origins.

Since the beginning, the main goals of the association are on the one hand to facilitate the integration of foreign citizens, following the approach of empowerment and active citizenship.

On the other hand UNIVERSO is a space which establishes the basis for a pleasant coexistence between different cultures in our society; where the local population, volunteers, interns, and migrants, all with very different backgrounds, come together and realize different activities.

The constant exchange of ideas and learning from one another makes it an enriching experience for all. Thanks to this tenacious and persistent culture of dialogue and being together, it is possible to initiate a positive process of change, hoping it will bring all the actively engaged actors into collaboration for mutual respect and cooperation.



In order to achieve its goals, UNIVERSO offers the following activity fields- according to your interests and experiences, these would be your areas of activity, too:



General Activities:

We offer **individual orientation assistance** at our offices to people from different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. The general activities involve CV writing to apply for jobs, **language assistance** for those with difficulties and **computer assistance** for non literate PC users, accompanying young migrants to public offices and **intercultural communication trainings**.

For a better orientation in Bologna and its surrounding, we organize city tours that give an introduction in the city's functioning and important places as regards both culture, administration and help offers.



Language Classes:

Univero offers language courses in different languages such as Italian, German, English and French. Furthermore, for everyone who is interested in improving language skills or learning a new language and in exchange sharing his/her own native language! For example many of our participants speak French, Arabic, Bambara or Wolof (and a lot of them want to learn German!). The language exchange is a free offer, you and your language exchange/tandem partner can decide individually how often, when and where you meet!



Intercultural Documentation Centre:

In order to preserve cultural traditions and special costumes from all over the world, we set up a space in which we share our histories, music, dances, stories, etc.

To do that, we establish contact with cultural experts and witnesses to register their contributions and will organize intercultural events to foster exchange and coming together of the different population groups of Bologna.

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City tour “Whontha Nara”:

In Bologna, as in many other European cities, there is only little contact between newcomers and the civic society, between immigrants and tourists. The “Whontha Nara” project is composed of two different types of migrant tours.

Tour I shows Bologna out of the eyes of an immigrant, so that tourists and inhabitants of Bologna learn what it means to arrive and live as an immigrant in the city.



Music Lab:

The Music Lab at Universo is a free setting and studio that is open for everyone interested in realising and recording personal soundtracks/ songs/ music and jam sessions together.

Requirements specification

The internship offer is addressed to people of different subject areas and professional backgrounds, who wish to contribute with their individual skills to the successful implementation of UNIVERSO and its different activities. Above all, we are looking for interns who are seriously motivated to participate in the project and who share our opinion towards migration and living together. Nevertheless, the following skills are of importance for us as well as for you to ensure a successful process:

- Very good knowledge of English; if possible basic knowledge of French and Italian
- Enjoying the work of teaching and individual tutoring
- Teamwork skills as well as the ability to work independently and structured
- Intercultural understanding and cultural-sensible behaviour
- Interest and openness to creative activities
- Enjoyment of networking and fundraising
- Public relations work (among other things, this includes regular postings of contributions in form of articles, podcasts and short videos)
- Experiences in the field of migration are an asset

We are also looking especially for interns who have additionally knowledge in one of the following fields:

- Public Relations (mainly the usage of the typical social media tools, active web presence)
- Web programming
- Graphic design
- Eventmanagement
- Fundraising

If you would like to implement together with us a new, innovative project and at the same time are eager to experience an active process of exchange and learning, we look forward to your application. To apply, please send us your CV and a covering letter, in which you present yourself, your motivation and your relevant experiences in English. Send both, as well as any questions you might have, at the following email address: info@universointerculturale.it.

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