Information for International Students

This document has been produced to provide brief guidance to international students who hold a Student visa (or another type of visa) and are enrolled in a doctoral programme at a university in the UK.

The information here presented is meant to prompt students to independently collect information about their Right to Work in the UK, to check what that right to work allows them to do and suggest possible options to explore that could enable them to legally undertake a full-time internship as part of their doctoral programme, should they prefer it to a part time one. The information given in this document is not legal advice on immigration and the Alan Turing Institute is unable to offer such advice. Therefore, international students who wish to apply for an internship via the Turing Internship Network (TIN) must seek advice from their university and should not rely solely on the information contained in this document.

Choosing the Right Internship

International students who are interested in undertaking an internship via the Turing Internship Network should carefully choose the internship they wish to apply for based both on their research interest and their Right to Work in the UK. Students are advised to review all the role descriptions published on the TIN website and familiarise themselves with the information shared by each TIN partner and collaborator under the ‘Internship Logistics’ section.

Students must check that they possess the Right to Work in the UK and know how many hours per week they are legally allowed to work. If unsure, we advise students to get in touch with the international team within their university who will be able to provide information on their Right to Work and visa obligations.
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If, based on their visa, students are only allowed to undertake part time paid work, then students should only apply for a part time TIN role to avoid the disappointment of not being considered eligible.

For information about the Student visa, please visit the UK government website.

Full Time Internships

We welcome applications from international students for full time TIN internships if they are in one of the following categories:

Leave to Work Away

If international students on a Student visa are interested in undertaking a full time TIN internship, they are advised to discuss this option with their supervisor and university. Oftentimes, if the internship is considered integral to their PhD research and is approved through a university’s Leave to Work Away procedure, it can be undertaken full time on a Student visa as it becomes part of the student’s course.

Before applying for the university’s Leave to Work Away, students should discuss the proposed internship with their supervisor to confirm it can be considered integral to their PhD research. Once the Leave to Work Away is approved by the university, students on a Student visa can apply for full time roles via TIN.

Youth Mobility Scheme Visa

If you are a student from Australia, Canada, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino and Iceland and are on a Youth Mobility Scheme Visa, you are welcome to apply for full time internships via TIN.

For information about the Youth Mobility Visa, please visit the UK government website.

Global Talent Visa

If you are a student on a Global Talent Visa, you are welcome to apply for full time internships via TIN.

For information about the Global Talent Visa, please visit the UK government website.

Applying for the Scheme
Once students have chosen their preferred internship based on their interest and Right to Work, they can apply for the scheme.

In the ‘Personal Details and Eligibility’ section of the TIN application form, international students will be asked to provide information about the type of visa they are on.

In addition to that information, international students will be asked to prove their Right to Work using a share code generated via the government website. The share code and date of birth must be added to the application form before its submission.

For any questions regarding your eligibility to apply for a TIN internship, please do not hesitate to contact the Internship Network team at internshipnetwork@turing.ac.uk.