



BALI INTERNSHIP: CAREER EXPLORATION IN BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY

**With Focus On Social
Entrepreneurship**

21 DAY INTERNSHIP



HIGHLIGHTS

- Engage in business acumen workshops with local changemakers
- Witness behind the scenes of local startups
- Collaborate on a business proposal to solve a social challenge in Bali
- Explore the island's spiritual culture through temple visits and activities
- Surf with locals in Southern Bali, a world-class surf destination
- Go on a white water rafting adventure
- Earn a total of 62 internship hours throughout the course of your time on the program



ACTIVITY LEVEL

- Medium



2026 PROGRAM DATES

- July 03 - July 23



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Learn how to become an Impactpreneur by collaborating with local changemakers in Indonesia to develop sustainable solutions for challenges in their communities.

OVERVIEW

Ever dreamed of being an entrepreneur that creates impact in your community? On this internship, learn business acumen directly from changemakers in the field! Explore topics related to planning, operations, financial literacy and strategy within a sustainable and eco-friendly model. This internship offers you the chance to ask questions directly to those who have started their own enterprise. Learn about Makadaya Impact Centre's role in creating sustainable solutions and opportunities for local entrepreneurs to address the economic gap in Indonesia.





INTERNSHIP LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Gain insights into your personal goals and professional growth areas, along with a deeper understanding of Bali and fields related to Business & Sustainability within the context of social enterprises.
2. Expand your knowledge of recent trends, terminology and case studies to strengthen your understanding of business acumen.
3. Learn to recognize and express diverse perspectives within broader social and cultural contexts.
4. Develop critical analysis skills by evaluating quantitative and qualitative data to form well-informed opinions.
5. Observe and thoughtfully assess real places and situations where impacts and results can be interpreted and applied within context.

INTERNSHIP PARTNER SNAPSHOT: BALI INSTITUTE

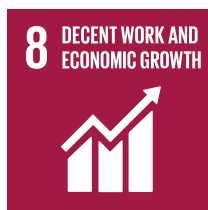
Our partner for this internship is **Makadaya Impact Center and Bali Institute**. It is a physical and virtual space providing strategic network, learning lab to empower a community of changemakers in Indonesia who develop sustainable solutions towards challenges in their communities.

As an **Entrepreneurs Support Organization**, they focus on social changemakers enabling their access to capital for social and environmental innovation.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development serves as the framework for discussions and the self-study coursework for our student interns here in Bali. During this travel internship, you will focus on three SDGs, including:

INTERNSHIP FOCUS AREA: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Explore topics related to building the case for creating Impact hubs as a community resource to stimulate the local economy.



CURRICULUM & MERITS

Complete a core curriculum with your peers and through the guidance of your internship supervisor. Build your personal competitive edge as part of a cohort of student interns working in partnership with our non-profit partner. Create a portfolio from completed project work to enhance your college application or future career resume.

By completing this travel internship, you will earn:

- CliftonStrengths Assessment & Debrief
- Personal Mission Statement Updated
- Resume or LinkedIn Resume
- Letter of Recommendation completed by your Internship Supervisor & Internship Director
- Certificate of Completion (62 hours)
- Certificate of Service Hours (variable per internship)
- Professional Headshots for Resume or CV
- Portfolio of Evidence/Internship Log Book (if needed)
- Recommendations via Common App
- Optional: College Credit from Portland State University

Global Leadership Adventures can also provide any supporting documentation and serve as an organization of record, should you want to earn college credits for your internship.

OPTIONAL COLLEGE CREDIT

Global Leadership Adventures is extremely proud to partner with Hartwick College, a private liberal arts institution based in Oneonta, New York, to offer official U.S. undergraduate college credit for students who successfully complete the Career Exploration Travel Internship program.

Through this partnership, eligible students (16+) may enroll in the optional college credit add-on and earn 3 semester credits upon successful completion of the internship coursework. Upon successful completion of the internship requirements, students will receive:

- Official enrollment with Hartwick College
- Faculty evaluation and grading
- Issuance of an official college transcript

The additional fee to earn college credit from Hartwick College is \$500.00. Though recommended, you are not required to purchase the college credit add-on as it is 100% optional!

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Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, service work and activities vary depending upon the needs of our local community partners, various celebrations and customs, as well as the weather and specific needs of the student group.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO BALI!

Fly into Denpasar, the main gateway to Bali. GLA staff will be there waiting to greet you. Once you have your bag, continue out to the arrivals area where GLA staff will greet and accompany you to our homebase in Ubud. We'll drive an hour to Home Base in Ubud, where we'll meet fellow GLA students and get settled into our new home. Once everyone has arrived, we'll continue with orientation and your first Balinese dinner

DAY 2: ORIENTATION

Om Swastiastu! In Bali, they give this greeting, which actually means, "May you be in the best of health: spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally." In the morning we'll have a program orientation followed by a scavenger hunt in Ubud. In the evening, we'll begin our Internship Curriculum led by your Internship Supervisor.

DAY 3: INTRO TO BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SOCIAL IMPACT

After an introduction to Business, Entrepreneurship and Social Impact session led by our host organization, enjoy an incredibly unique look into Balinese culture. This is always a student favorite! Stroll through winding paths in the lush jungle and through terraced rice paddies on an herbal walk to learn about Bali's native plants and how they're used for traditional medicine, food and body care products.

DAYS 4-5: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SITE VISIT & BALINESE CULTURE

After a day of activities, take a visit to Magi Farm, a social enterprise that focuses on producing sustainable, alternative and high-protein feed for farm animals. Later you'll also visit a local banjar, or community center, to learn about traditional arts that have become famous around the world: woodcarving, offering making, gamelan making and legong dance. Catch a traditional legong dance by an internationally-recognized Balinese dance troupe, accompanied by a gamelan musical group. This is a world-renowned performance that is a must-see in Bali!

DAYS 6-7: INTERNSHIP CURRICULUM & COOKING CLASS

During our next Module with the Makadaya Impact Centre we'll dive deeper into the action items behind identifying business and community needs as well as learn more about branding and marketing from a Guest Speaker. In the afternoon we'll visit an NGO aimed at finding ways to reduce poverty by experimenting with potential solutions that address common challenges faced by people living in low socio-economic communities in Bali. In the evening, get your chef skills ready as we're learning how to make some traditional Balinese delicacies!



DAYS 8-9: SITE VISIT

After a day of activities, we'll get the rare opportunity to tour the Royal Palace, and have a conversation with the Prince over traditional Balinese dinner. Prince Cok Agung is one of the young entrepreneurial Princes from Peliatan village who works very hard with his local community to preserve traditional Balinese customs. Listen to him talk about how tourism and other modern developments are affecting the practice of Balinese customs and culture in his village and get the chance to ask him questions.

On our second site visit, we'll visit a Social Enterprise supporting regenerative rice farming projects. By working alongside local farmers, they are able to revitalise traditional methods and promote biodiversity in Bali's rice paddies. Explore the intersection of culture of business in Bali and how it can be used to leveraged positive impact.

DAY 10: WHITE WATER RAFTING & TRANSFER TO AMED

Today we'll venture into the jungle to explore the river on a whitewater rafting expedition to explore Bali from a different angle! After lunch, we'll make our way to the coastal town of Amed where we'll spend the next few days. Here we will also have the chance to learn more about financial literacy in the context of social enterprises by a guest speaker.

DAYS 11-12: EXCURSION TO AMED: SNORKELING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Today we'll head to Amed, a sleepy fishing village off the beaten path. Along the way, we'll stop at Tirta Gangga (a former royal palace) as well as the Bali Sehat before enjoying some more free time in Amed to explore the small Balinese village. We'll go on a sunrise boat ride alongside local fishermen in their traditional spider boats and snorkel over coral reefs, marine wildlife and more! In the afternoon we will assist the Bali Sehat local clinic with some service work before heading back to our Home Base for a nice group meal. We'll also have free time for snorkeling!

DAY 13: HEAD BACK TO UBUD

We will also explore the Bali jungle on foot, participating in a scenic 3 hour trek starting from a beautiful river, crossing the jungle, and ending in a village of Native Bali, also known as Bali Aga, called Tenganan. During the trek we will see the scenery of Mt Agung and a wide view of rice paddies. In the middle of the trek we will stop at a local house to enjoy the honey harvested by the local family and try the red tea. It is the perfect opportunity for breath-taking photos and stunning views."

DAY 14: GUEST SPEAKER & TEA TASTING

We'll also hear from a guest speaker from the for-profit sector and get the opportunity to explore a social enterprise focused on balinese tea, having a garden tour and a tea tasking ourselves!

DAYS 15-18: PROJECTS BEGIN

Get ready to make a real impact! Now that we have completed our site visits and modules, you'll be challenged to create solutions to today's most pressing social and environmental challenges in Bali. In groups you'll design an innovative proposal to tackle an issue that matters to your team based on what you have observed over the last 2 weeks. Once your ideas are polished (with support from local changemakers you've met during the internship),



DAYS 15-18: PROJECTS BEGIN - CONTINUED

you'll present them to the local community, where your solution could be chosen by a social enterprise to spark change, create jobs and make a lasting difference. This is your chance to turn your passion into action!

DAY 19: SURFING

Today we'll head south to spend the day surfing in some of the most beautiful waters in Bali. Lessons will be taught by world-class instructors in an area that is well suited for beginners. South Bali is well known for being one of the top surfing destinations in the world, so this will definitely be an adventure to remember.

DAY 20: PRESENTATION OF LOCAL BUSINESS PLANS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY

It's time to share your hard work and innovative ideas with the local community. After weeks of learning and planning, you'll present your solution to a panel of social enterprises, local leaders, and community members. This is your opportunity to showcase how your project can address a real-world social or environmental issue, and potentially be selected to create lasting impact in the community.

DAY 21: DEPARTURE

"Goodbye" doesn't exist in Indonesian, so we'll say, "See you later!" as you prepare to depart. Enjoy your last Balinese breakfast and head to the airport to begin your journey back. At the airport, GLA staff will help you check in for your flight and see you off on your trip home.



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PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- **Tuition:** \$7,499
- **Internship Hours:** 62
- **Service Hours:** 36
- **Ages:** 14 - 18
- **Student-to-Staff Ratio:** 6-to-1
- **Accommodations:** Ecolodge
- **Arrival and Departure Airport:**
 - Ngurah Rai International (DPS)



GLA HOME BASE

Home Base will be in Ubud, Bali's cultural hub, which has all the comforts of home but bears the artful and serene essence that draws people from all over the world to the island. Your housing will be diverse, from an authentic family home to a beach bungalow. Students share comfortable, gender-segregated rooms with roommates, and have access to bathrooms with Western-style toilets and showers.

GLA HOME BASE OVERVIEW

- Pool
 - Home Base 1: Ubud - No
 - Home Base 2: Amed - Yes
- Air conditioning
 - Home Base 1: Ubud - No
 - Home Base 2: Amed - No
- Remote
 - Home Base 1: Ubud - No
 - Home Base 2: Amed - Yes



FOOD

Balinese staples include rice, rice-based noodles, chicken, fish, tofu, veggies and tropical fruits. Cooks at Home Base will provide many Balinese options for you to sample, and are equipped to accommodate vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free diets.



CLIMATE

Bali is just 8 degrees south of the equator, so expect a tropical and humid climate all year. Bali's central mountain area, including Ubud, is typically cooler and expects more rain than the southern coastal areas, making it quite pleasant.



LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.



ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

Global Leadership Adventures was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe or the Americas. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

The New York Times

USA TODAY

NBC NEWS

The Boston Globe

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OUR EXPECTATIONS

BE PRESENT | Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture may be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had a life-changing experience.

NO TOLERANCE | GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

COMMUNITY-LED EXPERIENCES | GLA makes every effort to offer thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

MENTORSHIP | GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.



ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

At Global Leadership Adventures, we welcome age-eligible teens who are excited about the opportunity to travel to apply for our programs. To ensure a safe and meaningful experience for everyone in the group, we follow essential eligibility criteria. While our intent is not to be exclusionary, it's important to note that GLA programs are not therapeutic programs and are not able to support struggling teens seeking behavior or mental health outcomes.

Applications are carefully considered and screened to align with these criteria. It is not uncommon for GLA to require supporting documentation or information in the application screening process to confirm eligibility or suitability for program participation. Failure to disclose full medical history may also result in the application not being accepted, additional fees, and/or removal from the program. Please discuss with our team for any further clarification or concerns and visit <https://www.experiencegla.com/policies/essential-eligibility-criteria/> to view the full essential eligibility criteria list.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

CONTACT US | Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

ENROLL NOW | We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill up early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experiencegla.com/enroll.

