

# Presidential Internship Program

2025-2026



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear applicants,

Thank you for your interest in the Presidential Internship Program at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane. At AUI, we value young leadership, cross-cultural exchange, and learning that builds successful careers. These values are the pillars of the Presidential Internship Program, which attracts some of the brightest graduates from U.S.-style, liberal arts colleges from around the world.

Across campus, we are eager to learn from our Presidential Interns, whose undergraduate leadership and passion for a global liberal arts education strengthen the mission of our university. Previous cohorts of Presidential Interns have demonstrated their commitment to their jobs by strengthening on-going projects and even launching new office initiatives. Presidential Interns also contribute to the community outside of their offices by joining recreational sports teams, organizing theme campaigns, and facilitating English conversation groups, for example.

While in Morocco, we encourage Presidential Interns to travel often and immerse themselves in the country's rich culture. Remaining mindful of evolving health guidelines, we look forward to welcoming a cohort eager to adapt, explore, and contribute meaningfully to our community.

I look forward to reinforcing our Presidential Internship Program with your participation and suggestions.

AMINE BENSAID

President

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI) launched its Presidential Internship Program (PiP) in Fall 2016. The program provides recent graduates from American-style universities around the world an opportunity to learn about Moroccan culture and language, while working at an American-model university. Our campus sits amid Morocco's Middle Atlas Mountains in the quiet, mountaintop town of Ifrane, which is 45 minutes away from Fez, Morocco's second-largest city and Spiritual capital of Morocco.

Interns spend one academic year working at AUI. Each intern is a full member of one or more AUI units that align with their professional interests and goals. Interns are entitled to enroll in one tuition-free course each semester and are especially encouraged to take language courses.

Interns enjoy rent-free housing, a monthly stipend, health insurance, on-campus healthcare, and access to all campus amenities (library, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, shuttles, cafés, etc.).

AUI welcomes Presidential Intern applicants from all nationalities and citizenship statuses with American-style, liberal arts undergraduate degrees. Please note that students who have completed the entirety of their undergraduate educations in Morocco are not eligible to apply. The internship is designed to allow graduates from other nationalities the opportunity to live and work in Ifrane and experience the Moroccan culture and language.



# EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS & BENEFITS

## WORK ARRANGEMENTS, STIPEND, & BENEFITS

The AUI Presidential Internship Program will begin with an orientation program on **Monday, 1 September 2025** that will provide interns time to get settled both at AUI and within their offices. The first day of work will be **4 September 2025**, and the last day will be **30 June 2026**. Each intern will undergo an evaluation by their supervisor in late December/early January to determine whether their employment contract will continue throughout the year.

The internship is considered a paid volunteer position with a small stipend to cover basic expenses. This stipend is paid in ten monthly installments at the end of each month into the intern's bank account. The first payment is on September 30, 2025, and the last payment is one week before the end of June 2026. The stipend will be 4,000 Moroccan Dirhams (MAD) per month and will not be taxable in the United States provided that the intern remains outside the U.S. for 330 days or more. Interns will be provided with a 1,000 Dh allowance upon arrival, and 2,000 Moroccan Dirhams towards their airfare home upon successful completion of their contract with AUI in June 2026.

Interns follow the administrative, rather than the academic schedule. The work week at AUI is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, Interns should remain flexible as some positions require overtime and weekend work during times of heavy activity.



## OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EXPLORATION

AUI is deeply involved in its community and takes pride in its outreach activities. Interns may take advantage of additional time allotted during the workweek for approved community outreach projects, cultural exploration, or personal development. The interest of the intern will determine the activity and type of involvement with the local constituents. Time away from the office (during work hours) can consist of up to four hours per week, scheduled regularly with the intern supervisor.



# ACADEMIC BENEFITS

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Each semester, interns may take one scheduled, tuition-free course at AUI (hard copy or electronic textbooks are charged to the intern). While language courses are encouraged, AUI offers a variety of courses and interns have their choice of any class within their field of interest. Interns are also encouraged to partake in special seminars and 'Brown Bag lectures', which are sessions during lunch featuring discussions with scholars and community experts on various political, cultural, or social aspects of the MENA region.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

AUI will provide basic medical examination care through the AUI clinic and health insurance. However, interns are strongly encouraged to have supplementary insurance with adequate international coverage.

## HOUSING

Interns will be housed in single rooms in one of AUI's Residences. Interns are allowed to occupy their housing units until July 15, 2026, if they wish to extend their stay and remain in Morocco until then.



## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES & TIME OFF

Interns are entitled to **20 days off**, in addition to national holidays. These include two weeks at or around Christmas, one week in Spring mid-semester and five personal days. This provides the interns with the opportunity to travel both independently and through AUI-sponsored trips. The interns are also invited to join a number of subsidized trips around Ifrane and Morocco and participate in any student-arranged trips in Morocco, as well as participate in any student-arranged trips in Morocco. Any time away from the office in connection with travel plans must be approved by the intern's supervisor.

## TRANSPORTATION

While AUI will arrange to have the interns met at the airport and escorted to Ifrane, they must purchase and obtain their own ticket to and from Morocco. Free AUI shuttles into town are available during the school year.

# 2025-2026 OPENINGS

1. Athletics and Student Services
2. Center for Learning Excellence
3. Language Center
4. Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship
5. Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness & Office in Charge of Accreditation
6. Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
7. Office of Academic Support and Progress
8. Executive Education Center – Casablanca
9. AUI Online Unit



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# APPLICATION TIMELINE

**25 MARCH** Applications open ([Application Form](#))

**4 MAY** Deadline to apply (11:59pm EST)

**25 APRIL** Interviews (*via VOIP/Teams*)

**20 MAY** Final notifications

**1 SEPTEMBER** Arrival in Ifrane

**2 - 3 SEPTEMBER** Orientation

**4 SEPTEMBER** First Day of Work

**30 JUNE** Last Day of Work





# STAY UP TO DATE & GET IN TOUCH

For more information about the AUI Presidential Internship Program, please refer to our website at <https://www.aui.ma/auiPIP>.

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