

PRESIDENTIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2024-2025

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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 deliberately. While we do not yet know what the health situation will be like, we look forward to receiving a cohort eager to discover the country, the rich culture. This year's cohort worked under thankfully mild covid conditions and managed to make high quality contributions. Whatever the conditions, our interns encounter culture, relationships, languages, and ideas that foster curiosity and understanding across difference.

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

AMINE BENSAID

President

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane



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 **4 September 2024** that will provide interns with time to get settled both at AUI and within their offices. The first day of work will be **6 September 2024**, and the last day will be **30 June 2025**. 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, 2024, and the last payment is one week before the end of June 2025. 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 2025.

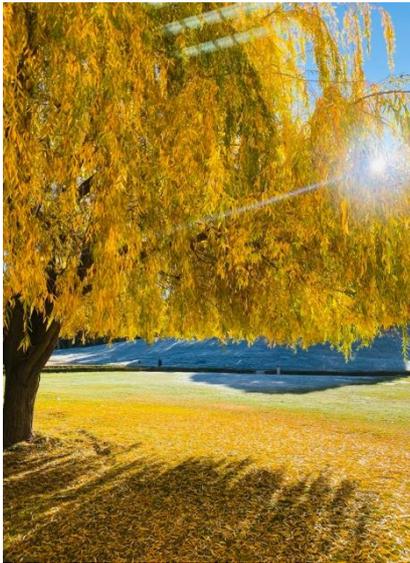
Interns follow the administrative, rather than the academic schedule. The work week at AUI is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 13:00 p.m. and 14:00 p.m. to 17:30 p.m. However, Interns should remain flexible as some positions require overtime and weekend work during times of heavy activity.

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

Each semester, interns may take one scheduled, tuition-free course at AUI (including electronic textbooks). 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, 2025, 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.

2024-2025 OPENINGS

1. Language Center (LC)
2. Al Akhawayn School of Ifrane (ASI)
3. Athletics and Student Services
4. Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA)
5. Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship (E+E)
6. Center for Learning Excellence (CLE)



APPLICATION DETAILS & TIMELINES

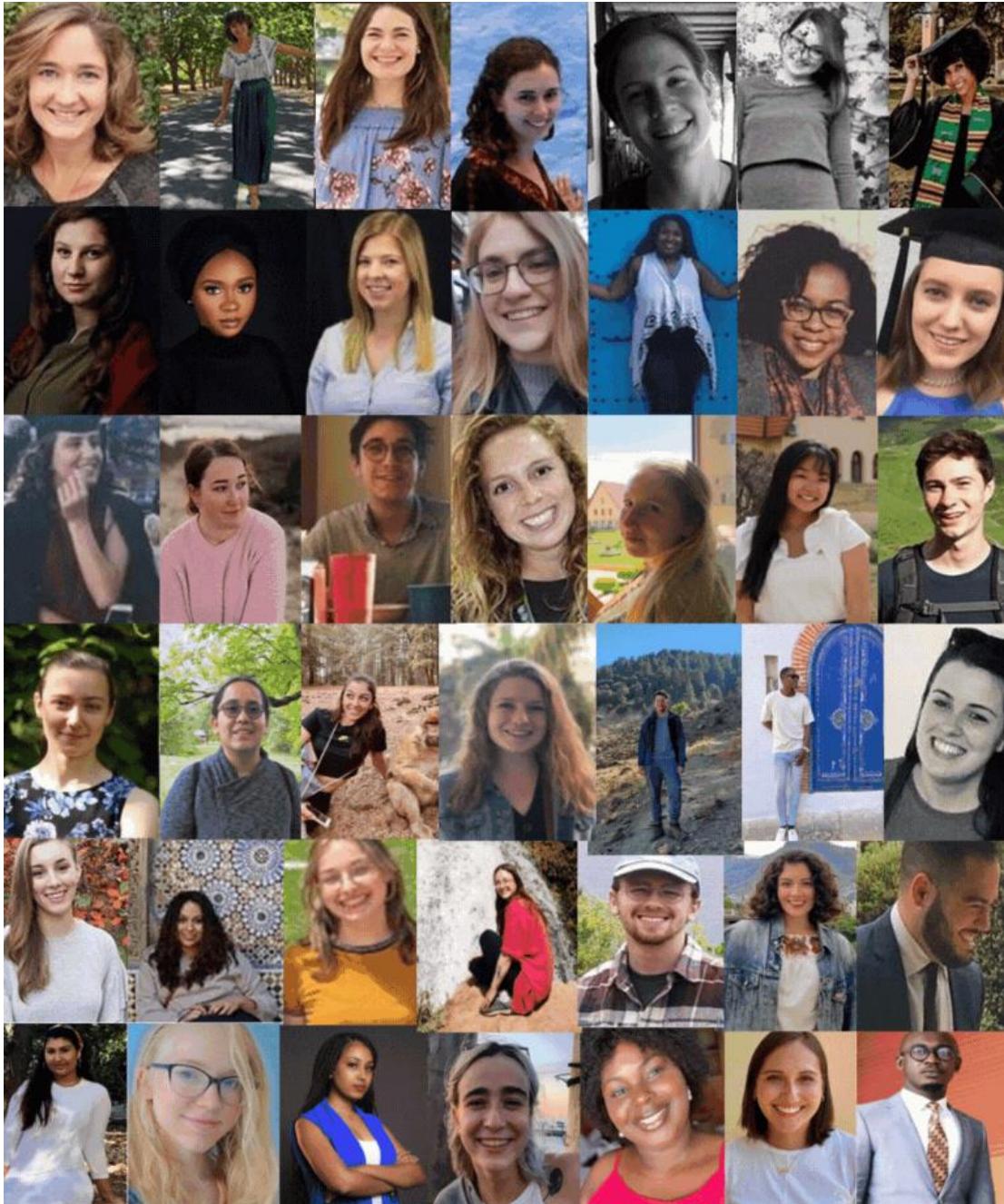
08 APRIL	Applications open (Application Form)
05 MAY	Deadline to apply (11:59pm EST)
06-17 MAY	Interviews (<i>via VOIP/Teams</i>)
20 MAY	Final notifications
01 SEPTEMBER	Arrival in Ifrane
04-06 SEPTEMBER	Orientation
06 SEPTEMBER	First Day of Work
30 JUNE	Last Day of Work



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

The PiP Program Director is **Dr. Cherif Bel Fekih**, who can be reached at oire@au.ma.



Take a look at what this year's interns have been up to and follow us on social media!



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