

**University of the Western Cape (UWC)
Leadership and Social Responsibility (LSR) Department**

Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of South Africa while learning more about the country's higher education system. Since 2012, CSP and HIED students have worked in University of the Western Cape's Office of Leadership & Social Responsibility (LSR). Situated in the Cape Town area, the University of the Western Cape is an institution with a rich history and a progressive vision for the future.

Internship Description:

During your first week, you will participate in orientation activities with the LSR team. After you receive an overview of each staff member's portfolio of responsibilities, you will work together with the team to identify projects that you would like to work on during the internship. Historically, BGSU interns have focused on the following projects in LSR:

- Facilitating workshops and programs on campus and throughout Cape Town for two leadership development programs: Emerging Leaders Programme (ELP) and Advanced Leaders Programme (ALP)
- Coordinating programs associated with Mandela Day
- Preparing the Enactus student group (<https://www.facebook.com/EnactusUWC>) for the national competition and traveling with the students to the national competition in Johannesburg
- Assisting LSR team members with community engagement activities
- Attending and participating in Center for Student Support Services and LSR meetings
- Editing LSR reports

The LSR team is mindful of providing BGSU interns with fruitful experiences throughout the internship. Often, LSR staff members will invite you to meetings, programs, and events on campus and throughout the Cape Town area that do not necessarily relate to the above responsibilities.

Internship Logistics:

- *Term:* Typically 2 months (June and July, may be negotiated)
- *Hours:* Monday through Friday typically between 9:00am-2:00pm
- *Location:* Cape Town (Bellville), South Africa
- *Language requirement:* None
 - English is one of 11 national languages
- *Number of CSP/HIED interns:* 1 or 2
- *Accommodation:* Single room in an on-campus residence; shared bathroom and kitchen; bed linens and some basic supplies (e.g., dishes) provided
- *Meals:* Inexpensive dining facilities and other food options (e.g., fruit stand) available on campus; nearby restaurants deliver to campus; your LSR colleagues will offer to drive you to a nearby grocery store

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- *Arrival Logistics:*
 - Arrive at Cape Town International Airport (CPT)
 - An LSR colleague will fetch you, drive you to campus (10 minutes), and help you get situated in your accommodations
 - During orientation, your LSR colleagues will take you shopping so that you can purchase essentials (e.g., hangers, towels, mobile phone).
- *Finances:*
 - *Included:* Accommodation at UWC; transportation to/from airport upon arrival/departure (must be arranged)
 - *Not Included:* Round-trip airfare; meals; in-country transportation; personal expenses; mobile phone
 - *Paid Internship:* No
- *Visa required for U.S. citizens:* No (for visits of 90 days or less)
 - Visit the U.S. Department of State's (or your home country's) website for updated information
- *Vaccinations:*
 - The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommends: routine vaccines (e.g., MMR, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis) for all travelers: hepatitis A and typhoid for most travelers
 - Contact the Falcon Health Center for updated information (419.372.2271)
- *ATM on campus:* Yes (several)

Background Information:

Students who work at UWC must understand the complex history of South Africa in order to comprehend the contemporary landscape of the higher education system. The function of apartheid, which literally means apartness, was to entrench White supremacy in South Africa. During apartheid, the government segregated the country into four racial categories: White, Coloured, Indian, and African.

The use of the term, *Coloured*, in the context of South Africa is not synonymous with the term, *colored*, in the United States. In South Africa, Coloured refers to a racial identity group. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, European merchants, settlers, and immigrants commingled with the native people of southwest Africa and the diverse enslaved populations from Africa and Asia. Originally, Coloured was a racial category that described individuals who were neither White nor Black African.

UWC was established as an institution for Coloured students during apartheid. Similar to South African society during apartheid, the public higher education system was segregated by race. By 1985, 19 public universities were created exclusively for the use of Whites, two for the use of Coloureds, 2 for the use of Indians, and 6 for the use of Africans.

Institutional Profile:

- *Established:* 1959
- *Enrollment:* 20,382

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- *Racial composition of student body:*
 - Coloured: 46.8%
 - African: 42.9%
 - Indian: 5.2%
 - White: 5.1%
- *Number of faculties (colleges): 7*
- *Organization:* LSR is situated in the Centre for Student Support Services (CSSS) along with the Office for Academic Support, Office for Students with Disabilities, and Therapeutic Services
- *Learn more at:* <https://www.uwc.ac.za>
 - Search for “Centre for Student Support Services” and “Leadership and Social Responsibility”

Contact Information:

Please direct all of your initial communication to Dr. Christina Lunceford (cjlunce@bgsu.edu). Once you have been approved to participate in the internship, Dr. Lunceford will provide you with the updated information for the LSR contact. Please do not contact LSR directly at this time.

Next Steps:

Email the following materials to Dr. Christina Lunceford (cjlunce@bgsu.edu) by 5:00pm Friday, November 20, 2016:

- Current CV
- One- to two-page statement of interest that clearly answers the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in the internship at University of the Western Cape?
 - How do your knowledge and skills align with the work of University of Western Cape’s Office of Leadership and Social Responsibility?
 - What projects interest you and how do they relate to your career goals?
 - Briefly, what are your anticipated learning outcomes for the internship?