

Flint Study Away Internship Program



Summer 2026 Program Guide

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The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is a credit-bearing summer internship program where MSU undergraduate students live, work and study within the City of Flint (Michigan) for approximately 8 weeks (end of May/beginning of June – end of July/beginning of August). Program participants benefit from firsthand learning in fields of interest while contributing to the mission of a community organization and revitalization of the Flint area.

Program Participant Selection Process and Eligibility Criteria

The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is an application, approval-and-acceptance-based program.

Step One: All students are expected to either attend an in person information session or schedule an individual appointment with Cathy White (gamperca@msu.edu) before applying to the program.

Step Two: Students are required to initially complete and submit

- A general program application
- A final, clean, polished, professional resume
 - *Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult your college's career services office for resume preparation assistance before submitting their resume.*
 - *"Unprofessional" resumes will not be reviewed.*

Step Three: An in-person interview with the program manager is required of those who are selected to move forward in the application process.

Eligibility Criteria



The Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is open to MSU undergraduate students of sophomore, junior, and senior status.



MSU International students welcome.



All majors are accepted (College of Social Science and non-College of Social Science students). *Dependent on internship availability.*



GPA of 3.0 or above and in good academic standing.



Demonstrated work history (does not have to be related to major).



Demonstrated history of service (volunteering, study abroad, study away, club, church, etc.)

Flint Study Away Internship Program Approval

Flint Study Away Summer 2026 Internship Program approval is based on multiple factors including:

- Meeting and or exceeding general program guidelines and policies
- Quality of resume submission
- Professionalism
- Organizational need.

Required Academic Course Enrollment and Credit



Three credit minimum



SSC 493

SSC 493 (variable credits; three-twelve credits). Credits based on internship hours.



College of Social Science Requirement



Participation in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program *fulfills the College of Social Science experiential learning requirement.*

Fees and Scholarships



There is no program fee for participation in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program.



Students are responsible for all tuition and tuition-related fees for the academic credits.

BE ADVISED THAT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PAYING SUMMER MSU TUITION RATES.

Students are ***strongly advised*** to consult the Office of the Controller's *Tuition Calculator* <https://controller.msu.edu/student-accounts/tuition-calculator> **BEFORE** applying so you are well-aware all tuition and fees related to potential program participation.



Scholarship information can be found here:

<https://socialscience.msu.edu/undergraduate/current-students/scholarships.html>

Lodging and Commuting



Lodging for participants in the Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program is provided at no cost to student. Lodging is at U of M Flint Riverfront Center Residence Hall (<https://www.umflint.edu/housing>) for duration of internship. Free, onsite parking.



Commuter friendly program for those who wish to reside elsewhere and commute to and from Flint. It is a 50–60-minute drive from East Lansing and Detroit area (*origin, construction and internship location dependent*).



Meals



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are responsible for securing their own meals. For participants lodging at the U of M Flint Riverfront Center Residence Hall – a fully furnished kitchen (refrigerator, microwave, oven, sink) is featured in each room/suite.

Reflection Coursework Series



All Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are required to engage in periodic reading and writing exercises throughout the course of the program to contextualize their individual internship experience within a framework of personal and professional development, community engagement, social justice, etc.

Types of Internships



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are referred/matched with internship sites that reflect academic, professional, and personal fields of interest.

Location of Internship Site



Internships will be located within the City of Flint. Occasionally internships may be in the surrounding Genesee County area.

Internship Program Duration



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Internship Program Hours



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants will intern for approximately 25 hours per week.

Extended Time Away From Internships



Students are not permitted to take **extended** time away from their internships (e.g. vacations) during their active internship period (*between internship start date and end date*).

Internship Program Transportation



Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the internship site.

Membership in “Flinterns” Program



All Flint Study Away Internship Summer Program participants are eligible to participate in the “Flinterns” program sponsored by the Flint and Genesee Economic Alliance. The program is designed for Flint interns to access professional development and networking opportunities, along with social engagement and interaction.

Places of Interest in Area



Flint Institute of Arts; Flint City Bucks (Semi-Professional Soccer) at Atwood Stadium; Flint Farmers Market; Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad; Applewood Estate; Longway Planetarium; Sloan Museum of Discovery; ForMar Nature Preserve; Flint Children’s Museum; The Whiting; Stepping Stone Falls; Whaley house Museum; Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path; Crim Fitness Foundation/Festival of Races. Other area attractions can be found here:

<https://www.exploreflintandgenesee.org/things-to-do/>

