

## APPLICATION FORM: GLOBAL TRAINING PROGRAMME 2017-2018 – INTERNSHIP INFORMATION


CORPORATIVE INFORMATION			
Name of the company		Staffordshire University	
Contact Person		Dr Ruth Swetnam	Email: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Location	Country	UK	
	City	Stoke-on-Trent	
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Sector		Higher Education / Research / Teaching	

PROPOSED INTERNSHIP INFORMATION		
Number of trainees to host		1
Extension time (extra months and salary) OPTIONAL  <u>SEE DOCUMENT:</u> "FORM 2_Global Training 2017 extension preliminary agreement"	Extra months	0
	Monthly payment for extra months (between 0-1358€/month)	None – we do not have funds to support the intern beyond the 6 months. They do however, get a high quality internship experience with a wide range of opportunities and skills developed.

INTERNSHIP/PLACEMENT INFORMATION	
<b>Department</b> (in case you want more than 1 trainee, indicate the different departments where they will work)	Geography Department, Faculty of Sciences
<b>Description of project/activities</b> (in case you want more than 1 trainee, indicate the different projects/activities on which they will work)	<p>GIS Teaching Assistant / Research Assistant in Landscape Science</p> <p>The intern will support the teaching work of Dr. Ruth Swetnam , helping her to deliver a full range of GIS courses to our undergraduate Geography students. In addition, the intern will have the chance to interact with other members of staff in the Geography Department if their professional interests overlap. The exact programme can be agreed through negotiation to make best use of the intern's background and skills. However, the following are key tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting Dr. Swetnam in teaching introductory GIS courses which are all delivered using ArcGIS v10. This involves helping students to learn the software on a one-to-one basis and full training is given before teaching starts.</li> <li>Prepare digital data for use in these classes.</li> <li>To support the delivery of field programmes for our geography students and assisting the technicians and staff in preparing for these. Our second year field course is in Wales and the intern will be required to attend this course as a field assistant. Our final year field course is held in Barcelona</li> </ul>

	<p>and Spanish language support for that is also desired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition, the intern will support the research activities of Dr Swetnam which may involve literature searching, data acquisition and analysis with her field of landscape quality, land-use change and landscape ecology.</li> </ul>
<b>COMPETENCES, SKILLS and EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<p><b>Requested profile(s) information</b> (Studies, previous experience, language skills, other skills...)</p>	<p>Competency in spoken and written English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high quality Geographical / Environmental Science academic background and an interest in research or teaching.</li> <li>• Some experience with ArcGIS software – this is an exceptional opportunity to develop your GIS skills under the supervision of a Chartered GIS specialist.</li> <li>• A willingness to engage with our young geography students.</li> <li>• A willingness to take part in outdoor fieldwork where requested.</li> <li>• A mature, open and friendly personality with the ability to work independently where required (please note, you would never be asked to teach alone – merely to assist staff in their classes).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other commentaries</b></p>	<p>Depending on funds, the intern must also be willing to attend field courses to support the staff.</p>

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOGO</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEBSITE</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.staffs.ac.uk/">http://www.staffs.ac.uk/</a> (The University Website)  <a href="http://www.staffs.ac.uk/staff/profiles/rds2.jsp">http://www.staffs.ac.uk/staff/profiles/rds2.jsp</a> (The host's personal webpage)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND THE AREA WHERE THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION IS LOCATED</b></p> <p>(General information about SECURITY, ACCOMODATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORT...)</p>	<p>Stoke-on-Trent is an industrial city situated in the north-west of England. It has 367,000 inhabitants and is dominated by manufacturing and service industries. It is famous as the world capital of ceramics with a long history of manufacture of fine ware. Companies such as Wedgwood, Spode, Burleigh, Emma Bridgewater, Dudsons and Steelite are still based here. There is a strong tradition of skilled work based on pottery and the industrial heritage of the city is unique and now being developed as a tourist / visitor attraction. It was one of the starting points for the Industrial Revolution in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and has old factories and canals as a result.</p> <p>It was previously an area reliant on coal and steel, which did employ thousands of people in the 1940s and 1950s. It has suffered from de-industrialization, which caused large amounts of unemployment during the 1970s and 1980s. Since then it has been undergoing regeneration and some large companies such as Bet365 and Vodafone are now based here. It is also home to the Premier League football club "Stoke City". It has the usual attractions of a small city with shopping centres, sports facilities (ski slope included), nightlife etc.</p> <p>Stoke-on-Trent is situated on the main west-coast railway that connects London (1 hour 25 minutes) to Birmingham (50 minutes) and Manchester (50 minutes) and is in the centre of the UK motorway network. Although the city is not famed for its beauty, it is situated very close to some of the most beautiful landscapes of the UK including the Peak District National Park (25 minutes from the University), North Wales and The Lake District National Park. It is well served by a dense bus network and is close to both Manchester Airport, Liverpool Airport and Birmingham Airport – all of which have flights to the Basque Country with low-cost carriers.</p> <p>It is a relatively safe city – none of my previous interns have experienced any problems though the usual precautions apply as in any city. It does also have the significant advantage of being one of the cheapest cities in the UK to live, so intern money does go a long way. The University is surrounded by cheap accommodation and it is not a problem for interns to find somewhere to live within walking distance.</p> <p>The city is known for having a very strong sense of community and "Stokies" (as the locals are called) are known for their open and friendly character.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION</b></p>	<p>Staffordshire University was founded in 1914 as technical college to support the development of engineering skills in the city; this later became North Staffordshire Polytechnic which had its own degree-awarding powers. The modern institution was created in 1992.</p> <p>It is a mid-range university offering courses in Humanities (where Geography sits), Sciences (notably forensic science and biomedical science), Engineering, Computing (with particular strengths in Games Design and networks), Social Work, Health Sciences, Business and Law. It currently has around 13,000 undergraduate students.</p>

	The department of Geography is a small group of 6 academics, supported by 2 technical staff and currently has 2 PhD students. We sit within the wider Humanities grouping which has 32 staff.
<b>MAIN ACTIVITY OF THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION</b>	Higher Education and research
<b>A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF MAIN PROJECTS</b>	See the detailed outline that I provided in the intern's task listing. The job is very varied and we tailor it to suit the interests and competencies of the person who we take.
<b>PREVIOUS COLLABORATION IN INTERNSHIP/TRAINING PROGRAMMES?</b>	<p>Yes</p> <p>I have hosted five very successful interns through the scheme. All of whom completed a successful 6 months with me.</p> <p>2012 – Eneko Garro  2013 – Xabi Gallestegi  2014 – Xabi Otero  2015 – Pablo Aramendi  2016 – Ane Garay Aginagalde</p>
<b>OTHER COMMENTARIES</b>	Please see the comments and reports of our previous interns.