

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre

The Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre (HTBSC) is a research and training centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore. Staffed predominantly by a team of psychologists and researchers, the main work of the centre involves conducting applied psychological research to support the operations of Home Team departments. The range of research undertaken by the centre encompasses the following areas:

- Crime and forensic psychology
- Critical incident and crisis leadership
- Community resilience and civil disobedience
- Leadership development and operations psychology
- Cyber deviance and information ops

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will it be? What time of the year are your intakes?

The HTBSC Internship Programme is open for application to undergraduate students all year round. There are two main intakes for the HTBSC Internship: May - July (8-12 weeks, full time) and December (5 weeks full time).

Note: JCU students might need to consider deferring for a study period or enrolling in evening classes for the duration of the internship.

2. How long will it be?

Typically for internship in HTBSC, it would be a period of 8 - 12 weeks (for May - July) or 5 weeks (for December), office hours, 5-day week.

3. What is the internship about? What do we do when we are there?

HTBSC interns would need to complete an independent research project (research, literature review, may involve some data analysis), write a report and present the findings. These projects would pertain to topics in the core research programmes in HTBSC, such as crisis leadership and offender behavioural analysis. In addition, other work tasks/assignments would also be given during this period. Where there are on-going workshops or meetings at HTBSC, interns would be able to sit in but their assistance would be required for some logistical or administrative matters as well.

4. Do we need to pay to apply?

No, you will not have to pay to apply.

5. Will there be any pay for the interns?

Interns are paid allowances in line with Public Service Division recommended rates. Payment will be made directly to interns' stated bank account upon completion of the internship.

Note: Reimbursement is subject to Public Division guidelines on Internship payment.

6. Is there any selection for the internship?

Yes, there will be a selection interview conducted for shortlisted candidates, as spaces for internship are limited.

7. Can only Permanent Residents/Citizens apply?

Students who are Singapore Citizen/Singapore PR will be eligible for HTBSC internship programmes. Foreign undergraduates may be considered on a case by case basis.

8. Is it only for psychology majors or all other majors?

As the HTBSC's main discipline is psychology, priority is given to psychology majors. However, there have been exceptions made to applicants from other academic disciplines who are able to show competency in research.

9. Are the internship positions open to year 2 students who are not graduating by the end of the year?

Priority is given to Year 3 (going-on Year 4) or Final Year students. Likewise, exceptions have at times been made for Year 2 students in the university on a case-by-case basis.

10. How do I go about applying for the HTBSC Internship?

To apply for the internship, you will need to indicate the period you are able to commit (specific dates & period) and would also need to provide the following:

- (i) Updated resume and academic transcript (showing course, modules completed and cumulative grades)
- (ii) provide an indication on what you hope to learn and pick up from the internship
- (iii) an independent written assignment (psychology research papers preferred)

Note: The application documentation requirements are subject to revision

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