



# British

International School, Phuket

## Intern Graduate Programme - Phuket

This information is intended for graduates who are interested in applying for a position as a gap year volunteer. It is an ideal opportunity for those considering a career in international education. Most of our interns have become teachers domestically or internationally.

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### Our Expectations

A Successful volunteer will possess the following qualities. He or she:

- Will be outgoing and friendly;
- Should enjoy working with young people;
- Will maintain the highest professional standards on a par with the teaching staff;
- Will have some experience in: Sports - Swimming - Football - Tennis - Golf - Triathlon - Basketball; Arts - Musicals - Instrumental lessons - Dance - Drama
- Will have some experience working with young people in a residential capacity

### Aims/Duties

- Providing support related to subject specification
- Assisting Boarding House Parents with the weekend and evening activity program
- Assisting with after school activities
- Getting involved in the wider community and cultural life of the school
- Assisting with residential and educational visits outside of Phuket
- Initiating team building, team games and sporting competitions for boarders at the weekend

BISP is located on the beautiful island of Phuket, approximately 860 km south of the capital, Bangkok. It is a comprehensive day and boarding school, providing quality education for pupils aged from 18 months to 18 years. Gap intern assistants have contributed to the success of BISP from our earliest days and their role continues to be an integral part of daily academic and boarding life.

## Benefits

- Volunteers are housed in individual rooms in one of our Boarding houses free of charge;
- Rooms are fitted with beds, bedding, wardrobes, mirror and air-conditioning;
- Communal area with TV;
- Three meals a day during school term time;
- Free laundry during school time;
- Volunteers paid 10000 baht per month;
- Volunteers are offered free group transportation with a school driver and minibus to a destination on the island, once a week, subject to availability;
- Health and accident insurance while in Thailand (Holiday trips will require personal insurance);
- References provided upon completion of service;
- Holidays include one week in October; three weeks around Christmas time; one week in February and two weeks in April. Volunteers can travel during these times in the Asia region;
- Volunteers are paid from August to June

## Opportunities - In service opportunities including:

- Classroom teaching experience;
- Professional development with teaching staff

## Airfare and Visa

- Airfare, visa and re-entry permits are the responsibility of the volunteer (The school will provide the necessary documentation for a Non-Immigrant visa)

We require volunteers to start in August each year.

**If you are interested in this opportunity send your application letter and CV to Headmaster: [smeredith@bisphuket.ac.th](mailto:smeredith@bisphuket.ac.th).**



## What do our previous Intern Graduates have to say?



This placement has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. Being involved in such an incredible sporting environment, with the ability and flexibility to promote ideas and share your experiences, has been second to none. Well-being, participation and excellence are promoted across the school. This ensures inclusivity for every child, allowing each to benefit from the positive effects of physical education. Whether in PE class or sporting academies, it is vital that children find enjoyment in sport to develop physical, mental and social development across their adult-life. Working at BISP has inspired me to look into the importance of youth sports medicine to minimise injury during childhood. Research into rehabilitation and injury prevention programs will ensure performers can not only fulfil career goals in sport, alongside maintaining sporting participation into adulthood. During placement, I have learnt invaluable skills, both personally and professionally, that I will implement into my future career. I have grown immensely across my placement year; with a newfound professional outlook on my future, alongside my own personal achievements, this has been an unforgettable experience that I am eternally grateful for.

**- Gemma Ashworth**



Working at BISP in the performing arts internship programme has truly been an amazing experience. It has helped me grow not only in my professional career as an educator but also as a person, becoming more independent and self confident. I have gained invaluable knowledge working alongside world class educators who are warm and caring and go out of their way to make you feel welcome - in essence they become your family way from home.

In addition to the many skills I have learnt that have added to my professional development I have had the enjoyment of learning how to play musical instruments such as the Euphonium and Violin alongside the students. The opportunity for learning and growing at the school is limitless and highly rewarding. Living in Phuket has been a wonderful experience in itself with many opportunities to explore your beautiful surroundings and immerse yourself in a wonderfully diverse culture.

**- Emily Joos**



Completing an academic year as an intern at the British International School Phuket (BISP), has enabled me to have a valuable insight into the profession of being a physical education (PE) teacher within an international environment. BISP, boasts an incredible reputation upon the international circuit and after my year here I can understand why. I had the chance to enhance my teaching and coaching capabilities because of the vastly varied opportunities BISP presented to me. For example, I taught students aged 4-16 as well as experiencing teaching students who come from all areas of the globe. The PE staff who are tremendously experienced were extremely attentive and accommodating of my learning throughout my time here. Furthermore, living on the island of Phuket allows you to enjoy beautiful weather and awesome beaches. Phuket is in a central location in Asia which makes travelling large parts of Asia accessible during your holidays. Overall, spending a year on placement at BISP has developed my understanding of what it takes to be a PE teacher as well as reinforced my ideas about what I would like to pursue for a future career.

**- James Freeman**



It comes with tremendous ease and honor that I can say my year at BISP has been one rich in reward, progress and fun! My time here at BISP has left me filled with warmth and gratitude, which can only be put down to the amazing staff, students, friends and community here at BISP who have made it that way, I cannot thank you all enough! Thank you! With all of this has come a great amount of personal and professional growth, I have been opened up to the world of professional teaching and the incredible opportunities it can provide on a global scale. Along with the rich variety of life and culture that comes with it, which I have thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in. I have cemented a passion for working with children, and I am honoured to have been given the chance to play a role in helping the students grow and find passions of their very own, through their sheer enjoyment and openness to learning and participating in a vast spectrum of sports and activities, both old and new. All of these countless, yet unforgettable experiences makes it extremely easy for me to say that I will not be going home the same person that arrived here just one year ago, the BISP community, the friends I have made, the staff and of course the wonderful children here at this school have left me inspired and only more determined to ensure that I am successful in fulfilling my goal of becoming a qualified teacher and continue to help children achieve their own!

**- Lloyd Rees**

## What do our previous Intern Graduates have to say?



The Intern Graduate Program at BISP has been a fantastic opportunity to practice the skills I have learnt at University in a professional setting learning from, and working alongside leading professionals in their subjects. The staff at BISP are committed teachers who have a passion for their subjects and students alike, it is an honor to see such people at work and be able to learn from them in a supported environment. Being an intern in the Performing Arts Department has shown me the level of commitment required by the staff in order to support students in school performances, concerts and recitals, igniting a passion for the creative subjects. During my time at BISP I have learnt lessons which I can take with me into my professional career when working with young people in the future and also, to apply to daily life. Overall the internship programme at BISP is a brilliant opportunity for a graduate who is thinking about a future in education and would like to learn more in a supportive, professional environment. My time here has been unforgettable and something I will think back on for many years to come.

**- Mary Riley**



The Intern Graduate Program at BISP has given me an opportunity to put into practice many of the skills I learned at University, in a real world setting, whilst also learning from World Class professionals. Being at BISP has taught me the importance of self confidence, trusting the process and to learn from your mistakes. I have learned valuable lessons everyday, which will most definitely help me throughout my teaching career as well as my life. The staff at school are generous in sharing their knowledge and wisdom as well. I was able to get a glimpse of what my future could be because of their seasoned careers and experiences. Being involved with the Performing Arts Department, and surrounded by other individuals who are passionate about the Arts, has heightened my excitement and respect for the process. Getting to know the students and seeing them apply themselves and improve throughout the year is incredibly rewarding. Overall, this program is a wonderful place for an individual who is passionate about teaching. BISP has supported me in every way possible to make my two years here a valuable and unforgettable experience.

**- Hannah Collins**



Working at BISP has been an invaluable experience. I have had the opportunity to work with international students of all ages, continue my professional development in teaching and coaching and develop new skills and qualities from the extensive extra-curricular program offered by the school. In addition to this, living on the island has also offered great opportunities to see the beautiful sights, try new food and explore a new culture. The PE department has been excellent in making me feel a part of the team as soon as I arrived. The team is very helpful in giving feedback into how I can improve as a teacher as well as highlighting different approaches I can take to managing a class. I am excited to take what I have learnt this year into a future career in teaching.

**- Ross Butler**



I am beyond thankful for the time I have spent at BISP. I came here not entirely sure if I wanted to be a Physical Education teacher, and ended up deciding to undergo a PGCEi course in order to become a qualified international school teacher because I enjoyed my experience so much. Throughout my time here I have been fortunate enough to work with the amazing PE team, and had the opportunity to work with some of the amazing coaches that they have on campus here as well in the academy programs. Phuket is an absolutely beautiful island to live on with plenty of places close by to travel to on holidays. I have also had the opportunity to venture beyond Phuket through different school trips which have all been highly rewarding too! I would definitely recommend this program if teaching is something you are considering doing as a career, as this experience has been invaluable. I have grown as a teacher, coach, and person, and that is all thanks to the amazing staff that BISP has.

**- Nicole Harris**



It has been a highly rewarding experience working at BISP for a year and has developed my skill set in all aspects of teaching through practical work in a very experienced department. I have felt fully supported during my time working in the PE department, and have thoroughly enjoyed working with teachers possessing a wealth of experience and passion; it has benefited me greatly. Through working with such a diverse, enthusiastic population of young students daily, it has confirmed my passion for teaching and the experience gained will undoubtedly help me with future employment opportunities. Outside of work, Phuket is a beautiful island to live on consisting of many stunning beaches and landscapes, whilst being ideally located to many popular destinations in Asia, enabling me to travel to several different countries during holidays!

**- Paul Lang**