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Message from the Dean of Students



Driven by the objective to nurture holistic professionals for the advancement of Hong Kong and beyond, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) places equal emphasis on delivering an excellent curriculum and providing comprehensive career services which aim at enabling students to acquire necessary competencies for their future contributions to the world. The mandatory Work-Integrated Education (WIE) programme, thus, has become one of the unique features of the University's undergraduate curriculum since 2005 with a view to offering students work-based, non-local/local learning experiences in a context that is relevant to their chosen profession.

In 2021/22, around 300 students embarked on a physical or virtual internship across various industries in 24 overseas countries or regions and 14 cities in Mainland China, including the Belt and Road countries and the Greater Bay Area respectively, reaping the dual benefit of gaining global exposure and acquiring work experience. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all our valued employer partners for offering tremendous support for our students' career development and global engagement.

This booklet assembles the highlights of the many success stories of our student interns from the WIE 2021/22 programmes. I am sure future WIE participants will be able to draw much inspiration from them and aspire to maximise the learning gains from a meaningful WIE journey.

Professor Albert P. C. CHAN

Dean of Students

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

About Work-Integrated Education (WIE)

“To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind”—The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) upholds this motto by cultivating future leaders and nurturing global citizens who make contributions to the communities around the world. Since 2005, PolyU has incorporated Work-Integrated Education (WIE) into its curriculum, requiring all undergraduate students to complete the WIE component, which offers them with the opportunity to gain workplace experiences and develop global perspectives through practical training and cultural exchange.

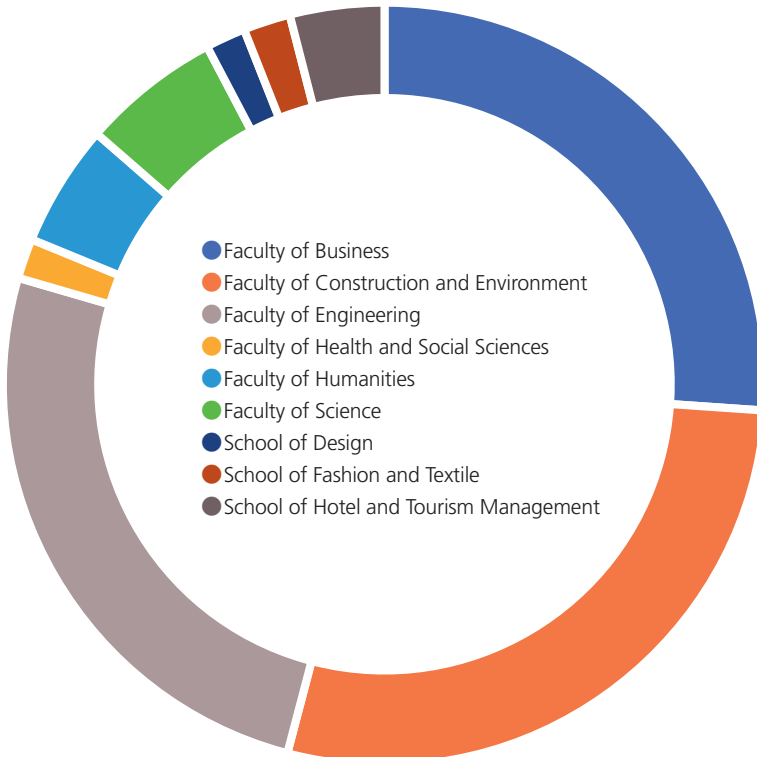
Through participating in WIE internship programme, students are enabled to immerse in a work-based learning environment that is relevant to their chosen profession. The Careers and Placement Section of the Student Affairs Office (CPS, SAO) assists students in fulfilling the WIE requirement by supporting academic units to coordinate various internship opportunities in a wide array of industry sectors in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and overseas. To facilitate students’ development of an international outlook while acquiring professional skills, students are encouraged to take on placement outside Hong Kong with the assistance from the Offshore WIE Sponsorship (OWS) that covers part of the costs incurred during their WIE trip.



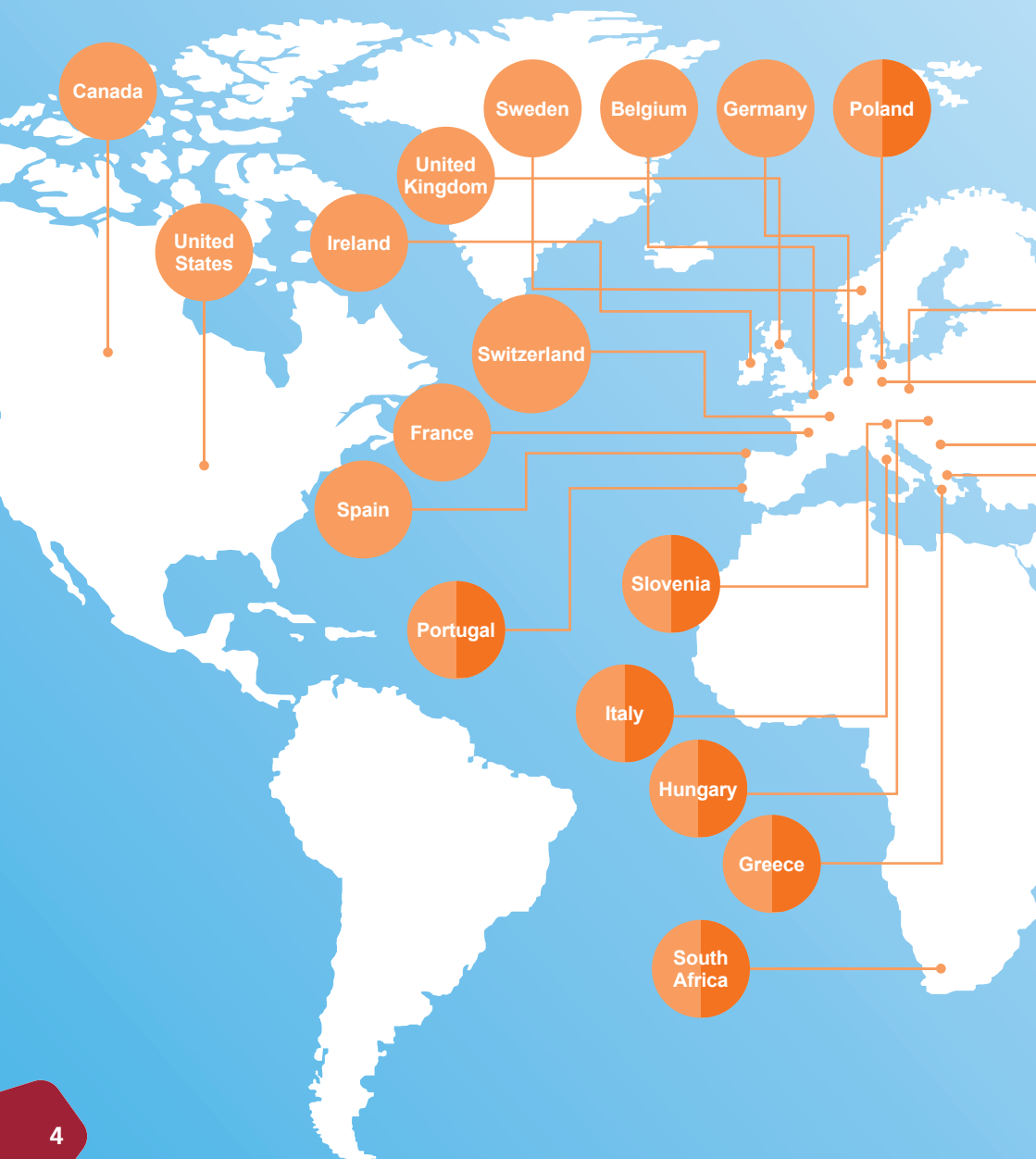
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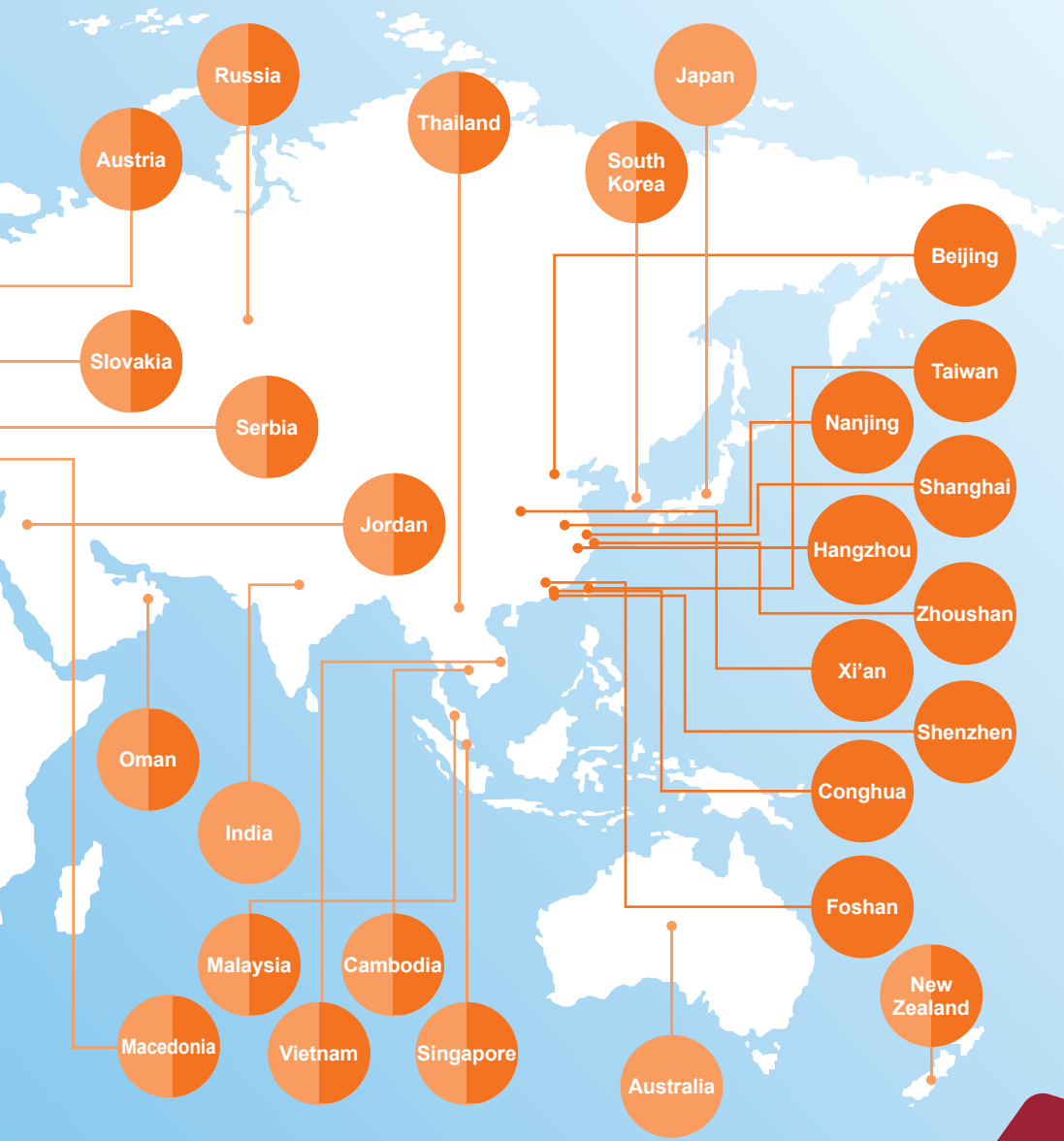
WIE 2022 internships outside Hong Kong (by Faculty/School)



WIE Locations



- International WIE
- International WIE (along Belt and Road)
- Mainland WIE



Students' Stories



**Building, Construction,
and Property**



HO Man Lok

BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering

ETA-max Energy and Environmental Solution | Amman, Jordan

Have you ever been to Jordan? When I told my friends I got an internship in Jordan, they could only associate the name with Jordan in Kowloon. I chose this country as my internship destination because I had never been to the Middle East. So I travelled to Jordan this summer and worked at ETA-max Energy and Environmental Solution, which focuses on developing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. They also have multiple projects in other countries such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

My supervisor was an Operation Manager who is also the project manager of an ongoing PV system project at the University of Jordan. One of my duties was to check the concrete foundation and to monitor its status. As the foundation is made of concrete, it may crack if the ratio of water and cement is improper. Many thanks to my supervisor for giving me training on operation management, including quality management systems, supply chain, and human resources, which let me understand how to keep a project running smoothly.

This internship allowed me to engage in different projects, get along with people from various cultural backgrounds, and travel to different places. I will never forget the time I spent in Jordan.





Arailym SHMIDT **BEng (Hons) in Building Services Engineering** **TuaTeam | Valencia, Spain**

I am pleased to have participated in a six-week summer internship at the Construction Consulting Department of TuaTeam, a business development and consulting company based in Valencia, Spain, where I primarily worked on designing building services systems for two projects under the guidance of architects.



Immersing myself in Valencia, one of the most ancient cities in the world, I was stunned by the architecture in this city, which is very different from the aesthetic of Hong Kong or my home city. As a Building Services Engineering student, I appreciate how people emphasise the preservation and renovation of historical buildings.

I was grateful for having the chance to work with a professional team and gain technical knowledge, which enables me to reflect on my strengths and areas of improvement. Through completing the assigned tasks, I realised that I was capable of thinking independently and flexibly, as well as adapting to the environment quickly and solving problems creatively.

This overseas internship experience has also impacted my future career plan. I enjoy working in an innovative and interactive working environment like TuaTeam, and would like to develop my career in a company that appreciates creativity and sustainability, where I can enhance my capabilities and personal growth.



LIU Xinyi

BA (Hons) in Linguistics and Translation

Enjoy Town | Hangzhou, Mainland China

Enjoy Town is a real estate developer. As an intern at the Research Department, I visited three communities to examine the spatial resources of their architectural landscape and conduct field community research.

As all the interns were unfamiliar with the tasks, each of us was assigned to a department manager for one-to-one training. I learnt a lot from my group leader, who was very patient and kind to me. When we went out for research projects, she would try her best to accompany us and give us guidance, even though it was as hot as 40 degrees Celsius. And no matter how many times I sought her advice, she would always respond conscientiously. Her professionalism and kind personality made her the one I admire at Enjoy Town. I hope I will be able to become an excellent professional like her in my future career.

My duties also included conducting analyses and integrating relevant information. I used to wonder why comprehensive data were so important to a research. After this internship, I finally realised that only by gathering as much research data could we have a clear picture of the situation and develop the most appropriate plan.



YOUN Tsz Chung

BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering

Transport Department, Hong Kong government | Hong Kong, Mainland China

I have always been fascinated by public transportation. Working in Transport Department (TD) of the government of Hong Kong had been one of my life goals, and I am glad that I made it by participating in an eight-week Summer Internship Programme organised by TD.



I worked for the Traffic Engineering (Kowloon) Division and my job duties were highly related to my study, focusing on traffic and transport. For example, making observations and expressing my opinions on the Temporary Traffic Management Schemes in Kowloon East and West. The most challenging task was to provide adequate, clear, and accurate suggestions based on thousands of civil drawings, but it was worthwhile. I was lucky to be able to attend a departmental meeting, where I assisted my supervisors and observed their communication with consultants and contractors, which helped improve my presentation and persuasive skills. After mastering my duties, I also assisted in conducting spot speed survey and monitoring the trial run of buses.

My supervisors were nice and experienced. We always shared our own thoughts and ideas. They helped me further develop my career in the transport sector. Besides technical knowledge, I learnt how to communicate with different stakeholders in the workplace.



LO Wing Yan

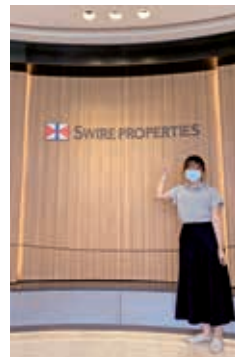
BSc (Hons) in Surveying

Swire Properties Limited | Hong Kong, Mainland China

Swire Properties Limited (SPL) is one of the leading property developers in Hong Kong. This summer, I served as a Building Surveying Intern at SPL, mainly assisting in the maintenance and management of its office portfolio.

Throughout the internship, I engaged in a variety of projects and on-site tasks, including but not limited to office reinstatement, carpark renovation, water seepage inspection, fit-out inspection, and office operation such as contractor payment verification and purchase order preparation. I gained more practical knowledge and a comprehensive view of building surveying from a developer's perspective. The work environment at SPL was undoubtedly challenging and fast-paced, but it offered me an excellent opportunity to enhance my adaptability and time management skills.

My internship at SPL was definitely one of the most rewarding adventures in my university life, not only for the practical knowledge I acquired, but also for the people and work culture I experienced. I was guided by a supportive team that valued my opinions and inspired me with ideas. Moreover, it was one of my once-in-a-lifetime experience to work with customers and colleagues from diverse backgrounds. I genuinely admire the work attitude of everyone in Swire possesses and I will better prepare myself to be a professional building surveyor in the future.





HO Wai Ki

BSc (Hons) in Tourism and Events Management

Housing Department, Hong Kong government | Hong Kong, Mainland China

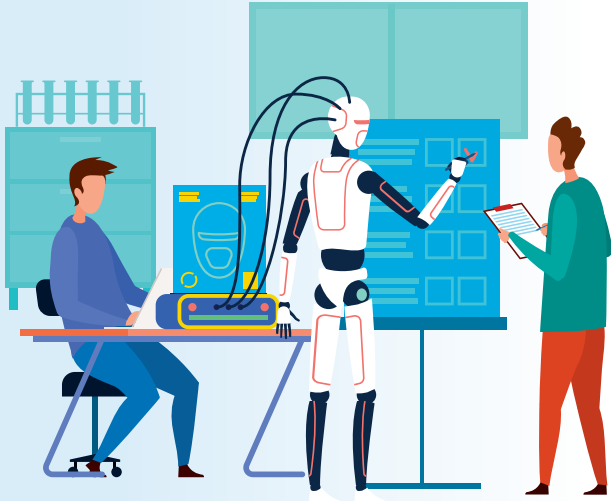
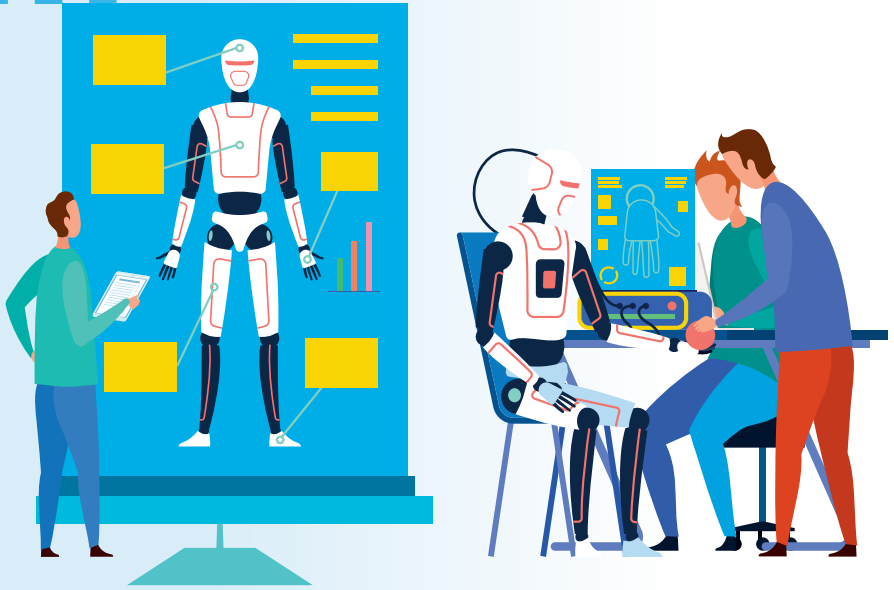
I was fortunate enough to participate in the Administrative Service Summer Internship Programme 2022, and was assigned to the strategic planning subdivision of the Housing Department as an Administrative Service Intern.

Apart from providing support for Administrative Officers, I also conducted a research on public housing policies from a global perspective. As a student majoring in Tourism and Events Management, governmental affairs and policy researches were definitely new to me. Grateful to my supervisor, a Senior Administrative Officer (SAO), for all the valuable advice, as well as for the support and recognition from my supervisor, managers, and colleagues.

I was able to gain hands-on experiences and explore the functions of different bureaux and departments—from ICAC to the Smart Government Innovation Lab, and from a shopping mall managed by the Housing Department to a project site under the Housing Authority's Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme. Meanwhile, the visits to the solar PV system, innovative waste collection system, and transitional housing allowed me to delve into various details in the course of policy implementation.

The internship was definitely enlightening as it not only helped me gain a new perspective on policymaking, policy enforcement, and social issues, but also allowed me to further develop my potential for making contributions to society in the future.

Students' Stories



**Engineering, Science, Technology,
and Manufacturing**



Bryce Dominic Ong DIAZ

BEng (Hons) in Aviation Engineering

Cathay Pacific | Bangkok, Thailand

Working in the Quality Control Team for almost two months, I have gained substantial knowledge of aircraft maintenance and hands-on experience in enhancing the Team's efficiency during a project.

I was tasked to create an app-based initiative to enhance the Team's workflow. With the guidance of a mechanic and my good friend, I was able to develop an online hub, an automated email reminder system, and an auditing application whose functions are aided by automated flows.



During the internship, I have found myself feeling very fulfilled, accomplished, and happy at the same time. It has always been my dream to be part of the aviation industry's workforce and having the opportunity to do this gave me a glimpse of that dream. I also enjoyed being challenged by mechanics to assist in other duties such as replacing a flat tire of a company car. It was my first time doing so and I truly enjoyed the experience.

The internship has reassured me of my career decision. Speaking with the mechanics and engineers also cleared out some misunderstandings of mine in terms of career progression and expectations. Their experiences motivated me to work towards gaining an aircraft maintenance license and progress as a pilot in the future!



WONG Wing Hung Alvin

BEng (Hons) in Aviation Engineering

Cathay Pacific Airways Limited | Hong Kong, Mainland China

My seven weeks of internship at Cathay Engineering have been fascinating. While my academic knowledge had been related to aircraft maintenance, I was tasked to develop an app to analyse Cathay's trend of safety occurrences. This task was challenging yet rewarding.



The app development summoned my self-learning ability as well as communication skills. From time to time, we needed to clarify stakeholders' expectations and combine efforts to get greater achievement. With this app, engineers could focus on vulnerable areas accurately, thus lessening their workload and improving airline safety.

I was also exposed to routines of engineers in the Quality & Airworthiness team: managing safety metadata. Engineers' contribution is crucial in terms of investigation, risk classification, and follow-up remedies. Audits, incident reports, and investigation are keys to keep a company away from catastrophes and casualties.

One unforgettable moment was standing beside a giant aircraft to witness how high-standard maintenance was conducted. It was far more satisfying than plane-spotting as an ordinary aviation enthusiast.

A massive thank-you goes to Cathay Engineering for giving me this fruitful and memorable experience. It has significantly enhanced my work competencies and nurtured me to become a better person who is ready to meet any challenges in the future.



Kairat KHISMETZHAN **BEng (Hons) in Electrical Engineering** **Polytechnique Montréal | Montréal, Canada**



I have joined a Research Internship Programme at Polytechnique Montréal, where I worked with professors and PhD students on a project that aims to investigate and improve the performance of automated tools and operators under extreme conditions. My duties were data collection, modification of the simulator, and data analysis of the results. I also assisted a PhD student to arrange experiments and manage the collected data. The skills I learnt, including statistical analysis and R programming, are impactful to my career and academic development.



Work culture in Canada is effective and liberal. The research team I worked with uses a messaging programme through which every member can easily communicate with each other, and arrange bi-weekly meetings to update the work progress. The friendly and open atmosphere has facilitated connection between me and my teammates, and effectiveness of our work.

Staying in a multicultural and vibrant city, Montréal, it was easy to adapt to the culture and living environment. I found it interesting how Montréal is different from other Canadian cities, making it one of the most European cities in North America. My favourite place was Old Port, where one can experience the European styles that give a unique feeling of a mixture of English and French cultures.



HAO Jiadong

BSc (Hons) in Internet and Multimedia Technologies
COOS Shenzhen | Shenzhen, Mainland China

Before setting out, I had set several goals for my WIE journey, such as to broaden my horizons by getting in touch with some advanced technologies, algorithms, and products. Lucky enough, COOS's main business and corporate values are much in line with my expectations.

The company provides competitive products and solutions through the integration of cutting-edge technologies, such as blockchain, machine learning, and Internet of Things. As a software engineer intern, my main task was to optimise and maintain the existing systems and develop some new features of our systems. I had to create a new administrator log module rather than simply modifying the original code, which really made it a challenging task for me.

It was really a tough experience, and I did meet a lot of setbacks. For example, at the early stage, there were lots of programming syntax which I did not understand, not to mention being able to write some codes myself. To solve this problem, I always went to my colleagues and discussed some possible solutions during break time. By absorbing new knowledge constantly, I gradually built the whole module. It was quite a rewarding moment that I finally nailed it, which greatly aroused my interest in the programming field.



CHOI Ho Hang

BSc (Hons) in Internet and Multimedia Technologies **Globaleur | Seoul, South Korea**

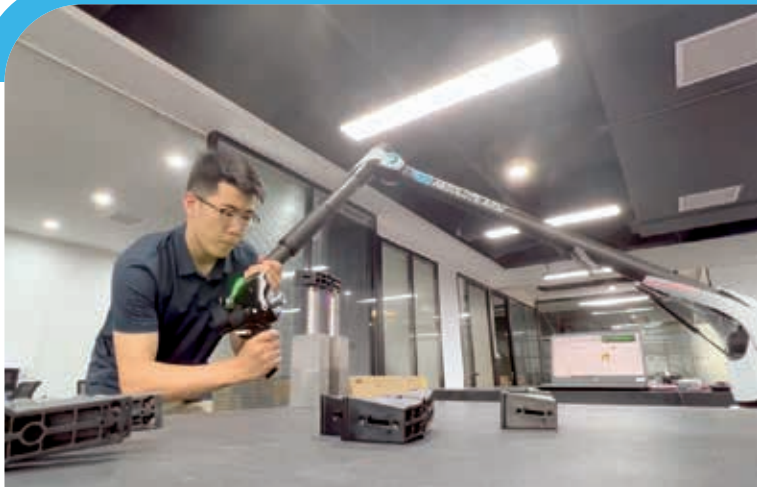
I am a big fan of South Korea. Thankfully, the Student Affairs Office has provided me with a precious opportunity to have an internship at Globaleur in Korea, during which I aimed at gaining hands-on experience and jumping out of my comfort zone.

Globaleur focuses on helping large travel companies enhance their services. My duties were to conduct market research, and develop a website for the government department by assisting in wireframes and product design. Website development was new to me, so I took the initiative to learn Figma and XD, and finally I was able to complete the tasks and even give recommendations.

I worked with three American interns and other Korean colleagues. At first, I seldom spoke with them as I was not confident in my language skills. One day, I got a chance to chat with one of the American interns. He said that I needed not look down upon myself, considering I was a trilingual speaker but he could only speak English. That really inspired me. I do appreciate having been exposed to this multinational work environment and culture.

I did not think much about careers. But now, if I am given the chance to work at Globaleur again, I will definitely say yes.





ZHAO Zhen

BEng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering
VESTEL | Shenzhen, Mainland China

Vestel, being recognised as a world-renowned technology giant, is a multi-industry manufacturer of electronics, household appliances, mobile technologies, and LED lighting. At Vestel, I have been able to make major improvement because my duties were actually beyond my knowledge and outside my comfort zone.



Through research, I learnt how to analyse the price trends of mass commodities using the concept of future goods, and got to know more about supply chain analysis. In the future, I will consider commercial industry as one of my potential career paths.

The general manager Mr Ulas Ozcan was the one I look up to. In fact, he is also my mentor from PolyU's "INSPIRE" Mentorship Programme. He taught me how to achieve my goals and constantly empower myself, and provided me with not only invaluable advice on my first internship, but also an opportunity to get a glimpse of his work ethics and philosophy. For example, he was kind enough to offer me to join the sourcing team so that I could get a holistic understanding about the industry and company culture. I will follow his example and try to become a lifelong learner.



DING Jiaqi

BSc (Hons) in Internet and Multimedia Technologies

Sina.com Technology | Beijing, Mainland China

Sina is an online media communication and marketing company whose main product is a social media application called Sina Weibo. In this summer, I was a Case Packaging Intern, who was responsible for organising Weibo's successful cooperation cases with other brands into clear visual files.

Other than organising cases in the marketing case group, it was fortunate that I was able to seize an opportunity of bringing my digital painting skills into play. I showed my artwork pieces at the newbie welcoming session, and two of my artwork pieces were put into use.

Originally, what I wanted was just to practise my painting skills, but then I realised that I also needed to blend my art skills with different marketing strategies. It was such a special and precious experience for me.

In addition to day-to-day work handed over to our marketing case group, I was always happy and willing to help our group



members with my hobby of painting since childhood. My supervisors appreciated my drawing skills, which has been another rewarding moment for me. I was very lucky to have been able to integrate my own imagination into my artwork assignments within limited space and text on various topics.



YANG Yifan

BSc (Hons) in Computing

Lenovo | Beijing, Mainland China

Lenovo is a multinational technology company specialising in designing, manufacturing, and marketing information technology (IT) products and services. During the internship, I learnt how to use Django in Python coding engineering which I had not been that familiar with, but I tried to learn how to apply this coding language efficiently and make my work valuable.

Besides gaining internship experience, I also became friends with my teammates. My communication skills improved because there were a lot of chances for me to interact with people from different age groups and backgrounds.

I am grateful to my supervisor who helped me the most. He reminded me to pay close attention to the future development of the IT industry and put more time on coding to improve my technical skills. I think this experience taught me to always be studious and curious. The skills and knowledge I possess as well as the trends still prevail may become outdated in the future, so I need to keep up with the latest development, particularly in the IT industry. By doing so, I can always be better prepared for my future career.



Students' Stories



Finance, Accounting, and Banking



ZHANG Zhinan

BSc (Hons) in Investment Science and Finance Analytics
Qian Dao Holdings | Beijing, Mainland China

Working as an intern at the Legal Compliance Department of this company, I was able to apply in the workplace what I had learnt from the University, which included my accounting and financial analytical skills as well as the knowledge related to enterprise architecture.



I completed a project on school-enterprise cooperation during my internship. The task was completely new to me. I did many researches and analysed the possible ways to solve the problems, and made sure we would not be involved in any legal issues. I conducted researches on the Internet and sought suggestions from a lot of my colleagues. I gained a lot from all these processes, such as how to overcome obstacles and how to stay calm in the face of difficulties. This experience was not only my greatest achievement, but also a benchmark for my future career development.

I really admire our department leader who is always serious about and responsible for his work. I learnt from him to be rigorous and to treat every task meticulously. I will continue to keep up with the good work in the future, regardless of whatever challenges that may lie ahead.

ZANG Yu Jia

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance
Baker Tilly China | Beijing, Mainland China



Baker Tilly China Certified Public Accountants is an accounting and business consulting firm based in Beijing. It engages in securities- and futures-related business, finance, state-owned enterprises, and audit qualifications.

My main duties as an intern at Baker Tilly were to issue invoices, and monitor and maintain normal operation of the tax administration system. Managing to complete all the tasks efficiently, I have developed a strong sense of responsibility in my job. I pride myself in my strong time management skills and the ability to multitask, and I treated every task assigned to me by my supervisor as the most important task. It is said that internship is a process of self-discovery. I discovered my strengths and I found myself becoming more meticulous and patient.



During the internship, I have gained a deeper understanding of financial accounting, tax-related knowledge, and the company's financial system. Baker Tilly always emphasises the importance of strict compliance with the Independent Auditing Standards as well as relevant national laws and regulations. It has made me become more interested in these areas. I want to apply the knowledge I have acquired during this internship to my future workplace and will continue to enrich myself with the latest accounting standards and tax laws.



CHIANG Cheuk Shing Acton

BBA (Hons) in Management

FWD Life Insurance Company (Bermuda) Limited | Hong Kong, Mainland China

I am pleased to receive a scholarship from FWD Life Insurance Company (Bermuda) Limited and serve an internship there in this summer. FWD is committed to innovating customers' experience by addressing their clients' insurance needs. During my internship, I was assigned to the Life Operation Department and supervised by the Department Director. The department is responsible for insurance transactions, which focuses on not only daily operation but also process digitalisation. My main role was to review the whole operation process and identify ways to improve the Straight-Through Processing (STP) rate.

I was very lucky to be invited by the Senior Manager and Assistant Manager of the Project Team to participate in different projects, such as suppressing unwanted pop-up alerts, revamping emails to clients, and testing the Optical Mark Reading (OMR). I was responsible for preparing user requirements and test plans for these projects.

During these months, I learnt how to collaborate with different departments. It was a great chance for me to explore the insurance industry, explore my interests, and upgrade my skill sets. I found my data analyst, project management, and digital skills have been improving. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to equip myself for my future careers.



HU Yilin

BBA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance
Foryon Asset | Xi'an, Mainland China

The Foryon Group is an integrated financial service provider in areas including but not limited to Internet finance, wealth management, credit business, asset operation, and real estate investment management.

During the internship, I was tasked to check the formality and mistakes in vouchers. I also attended some sharing sessions by experienced professionals on private equity products, insurance exchange sessions, and other activities.

“What you learn in college is not only knowledge but also the ability to learn on your own.” I got inspiration from this quote and reminded myself throughout the internship that I needed to be diligent in my work, take my time to figure things out, and keep learning and accumulating experience. When I encountered something that I did not understand, I would try to solve it by myself first, and then humbly asked others about how to improve my self-taught ability.

This internship experience has played a transitional role and built a solid foundation for my transition from college to society. I noticed that I do have many shortcomings. Practice is the only way to test the truth. I will benchmark my future work against this internship so that I will be able to develop better professionally in the future.



Students' Stories



**Marketing, Advertising, Design,
Logistics, and Consumer Goods**



TAM Hin Lam

BBA (Hons) in Global Supply Chain Management
Ethical Trade Alliance | Melbourne, Australia

I completed my internship at Ethical Trade Alliance (ETA) which is located in Melbourne. ETA's mission is to provide a platform for importers, exporters as well as product and service providers to connect with the logistics and supply chain sectors, and facilitate their business deals across Australia.

The work culture in Australia is quite relaxing. Everyone is encouraged to speak up and express their thoughts. Our boss is open to all opinions. He always looks for areas of improvement in making better event plans. I can still recall that he asked for our feedback after a networking event. We suggested lowering speakers' volume since loud music made it difficult for participants to chat with each other. He appreciated our suggestion and would take account of it when organising future events.

In this internship, I realised the importance of being open-minded to opinions and criticisms from everyone in the workplace. Establishing a stress-free relationship between boss and co-workers can facilitate more effective communication which enables team members to spark creative ideas, encourages team spirit, and motivates the team to accomplish the company's goals.





ZHANG Rongruo

BA (Hons) in Fashion and Textiles (Design)

Lancy Group | Beijing, Mainland China

Lancy Co., Ltd is the first high-end women's dress company in Mainland China, which is principally engaged in costume design, manufacture, and distribution. Working as an assistant to the company's chief designer, I was assigned to sort out fabrics and accessories, assist in preparing necessary tools and materials, and provide support for product design.

At the beginning, I was completely unfamiliar with the workflow, which made me feel a bit stressed and overwhelmed. Yet, I feel thankful that the company offered me a series of training courses on fashion styling and quantitative thinking, and as time went on, I found I acquired the essential skills and became more confident in my abilities. At the end of my internship, I was able to provide support and guidance to new interns.



Fashion design is one kind of commercial arts and has become an inseparable part of our daily life. On the other hand, except fine arts and commercial arts, there are various forms of arts and they are equally important. In order to apply what I have learnt during the internship, I will focus my studies on not only artistic design, but also different types of commercial arts.

JENNIFER ROTHWELL

INNOVATIVE DESIGN HANDMADE IN IRELAND



NG Man Wing

BA (Hons) in Fashion and Textiles (Retail and Marketing) Jennifer Rothwell Designs | Dublin, Ireland

Established by the winner of Irish Made Award, Jennifer Rothwell Design Limited creates 100% high-end luxury silk products with the goal of promoting Irish history and culture.

Through creating a social media branding strategy, attending events, and networking with other companies, I took part in a lot of fascinating projects and events. One of the remarkable achievements is that I was able to apply my e-commerce platform skills that I learnt from school to the company's business. I took the initiative to provide website design ideas which helped attract customers and increased sales. I felt blessed when I was given the valuable opportunities to design webpages and create composition mock-ups in collaboration with the social media team and front-end developers. Not to mention that everyone I met in Dublin was kind and generous.

I also engaged in daily e-commerce operations, and assisted in in-house and external photo shoots and the generation of marketing campaigns ideas. Thanks to these experiences, I discovered much more than I had expected and made huge reflection on myself. I learnt technical knowledge about textile such as feature of silk, and skills in the fashion industry especially on e-commerce platforms. I have had a better understanding of traditional fashion brand, from manufacturing to distribution.





LI Hiu Yan

BA (Hons) in Advertising Design

Cool Japan TV | Tokyo, Japan

During the internship at Cool Japan TV, my duties covered three brands of the company namely the parent company, which focuses on artist / influencer management; MEIS, which provides beauty care services; and Influencer Academy, which offers online courses on the management of digital platforms.

My supervisor is business-oriented and strategic. I gained deeper understanding of professional terminologies and developed my logical thinking skills under her guidance. For example, I got to know the mechanism of an advertising funnel, from attracting target audience's attention, stimulating potential customers' desire to buy our products, to the company's call to action. The knowledge shared by my supervisor with me is very useful, and the learning process was a precious experience that I could not have learnt from lessons. The guidance from my supervisor has made me become more professional.

This was a fruitful internship that I have ever experienced. Although the internship took place virtually, the company was still able to give me a lot of chances to learn and work. They would assign me to work on real projects and let me experience real client outcomes. All in all, this has been a great way to experience foreign working culture!



CHIU Yuen Chi

BA (Hons) in Chinese and Bilingual Studies
SinFooTech | Singapore

Well-known for its product “Sachi”, SinFooTech, a food technology company in Singapore, is the producer of the world’s first soy alcoholic beverage brewed from soy whey. Commercialising Sachi is no easy task; I am glad I was able to made contribution to the company’s brand promotion.



As a marketing intern at SinFooTech, my job duty was to manage their social media, including content writing, creating graphics for posts, and replying inbox messages from time to time. I was also responsible for taking photographs of products and creating lifestyle contents on social networking platforms.

SinFooTech has been invited to participate in big and small exhibitions. I felt so lucky when I was given the opportunity to assist in such events. I enjoyed preparing event collaterals, managing booths, and promoting our products to visitors, which allowed me to explore the business operations of the food tech industry. It was great to meet new people there and to expand my social circle.

The internship was an amazing journey, and I have become more confident and self-assured. I was able to discover my strengths of being hard-working and responsible.

Students' Stories



Public Service and Education



LAU Wing Kiu **BA (Hons) in Social Work** **University of Calgary | Calgary, Canada**

During my 12-week internship at the Faculty of Social Work of the University of Calgary, I have engaged in a research project which aims to transform social work education by bridging the gap between research and practice. I was responsible for collecting data, preparing reports and conference proceedings, and providing administrative support to the research.



Being trained by a field instructor, I am very grateful for the chance of participating in the field research as one of the workshop facilitators, and collecting data from community participants through interactive activities in a workshop. My digital story produced for this project was even shown at a conference in Lyon, France by Dr Evalyna Bogden, and my work was also featured in the project as well as on the university's websites.

I have undoubtedly grown a lot after this overseas internship experience. I became more confident in expressing myself, and learnt to appreciate myself and others more thanks to the exposure to the Canadian culture and work environment. Other than that, sharing a house with eight roommates from different nationalities, including Germans, Pakistanis, Filipinos, and Scots, enabled me to adapt to cultural differences quickly. We even became good friends and travel buddies to visit the National Parks and watch aurora lights. These experiences are unforgettable.



Jasmine YIP

BA (Hons) in Chinese and Bilingual Studies

**Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong government |
Hong Kong, Mainland China**

Before commencing my postgraduate journey, I decided to join an internship programme organised by the HKSAR government to broaden my horizons. In summer 2022, I worked at the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). It might seem that what I have been studying at PolyU has little to do with AFCD. On the contrary, my tasks at this Department were closely related and definitely taught me a lot.

During the internship, I have gained hands-on experiences in creating text and designing graphics for social media and instant messaging promotion throughout these few months. As a student studying both translation and design, I called all my skills into play. Besides, I got the chance to assist in filming a video for promoting internships at AFCD and many more.

I am glad that I was able to earn a much better understanding of the difficulties faced by and benefits of Hong Kong's agriculture which is certainly worth our support in order to revitalise the industry. Apart from that, I learnt how to create promotional contents that would fit the government's standards, and this might be useful for my career. It was not an easy journey, but I do have grown a lot.

LI Pui Lik
**BEng (Hons) in Building
Services Engineering**
CLP Power Hong Kong Limited |
Hong Kong, Mainland China



It was an honourable experience for a building services student to be a summer intern at CLP Power, the largest electricity utility company in Hong Kong. I was assigned to the Government & Institutions Sales Branch, and responsible for procedures for performing and reviewing energy audits, analyses of electricity consumption data for different parties, and adaptation of energy efficiency and conservation initiatives in projects like CLP Peak Demand Management programme. Moreover, I assisted in CLP Smart Energy Award 2022 event and some educational talks. These experiences enhanced my presentation, communication and customer engagement skills, and my industrial knowledge like what roles an electricity utility company would play to meet the 2050 carbon neutrality goals.

My supervisor provided me with step-by-step and clear guidance on my daily duties. She was also pleased to share her professional experience as a building services engineer for my career path planning. My colleagues were equipped with professional electrical engineering knowledge of dealing with technical problems in different sectors.

My experience at CLP Power was fruitful and insightful. It offered me profound understanding of the business relationship between an electricity utility company and different industries, which widened my horizons and would be very useful for my future development.



HUANG Chak Ho Jason

BSc (Hons) in Data Science and Analytics

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My internship as a Data Intern at the Fire Services Department was the most fulfilling and motivating experience I gained at PolyU. I was assigned to work at the Building Improvement Division 2 of Fire Safety Command where I was tasked to manage various databases on a daily basis, to plan and deliver effective database assessments, and to carry out different researches for the Officers. The support and guidance from my colleagues and supervisors, coupled with my data management and organisation skills, self-discipline and patience, I was able to develop better skills in enhancing the scalability and performance of the existing databases. The experience of managing databases and working with people from diverse backgrounds not only improved my academic outcomes, but also facilitated my career growth as a Data Analyst.

I also acquired hands-on experience and achieved the goal of completing my undergraduate study of data science to the fullest. I am confident in the development of my skills and personal growth which I would not have if I had not joined this internship. As I continue to grow, I will give my best to contribute to the field of data science.

Location Highlights

WIE in Belt and Road Countries

The Belt and Road Initiative, since its launch in 2013, not only has been promoting economic growth and shared prosperity across countries, but also providing students with opportunities to facilitate their career exploration and engage in cultural exchanges.

Aligning with PolyU's support for the Initiative, diverse internship opportunities in the Belt and Road (B&R) countries are provided for students with a view to enhancing their understanding of the B&R regions, particularly the development trends and work culture of the local industries, for their future career pursuits in these countries.

Over the past years, PolyU students have taken up internships in around 20 Belt and Road countries through our International WIE programmes, covering a range of industry sectors such as research, aviation, business, construction, and education.

Highlights of International WIE programmes in B&R countries



Austria



Cambodia



Greece



Hungary



Italy



Jordan



Macedonia



Malaysia



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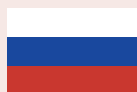
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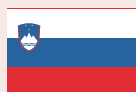
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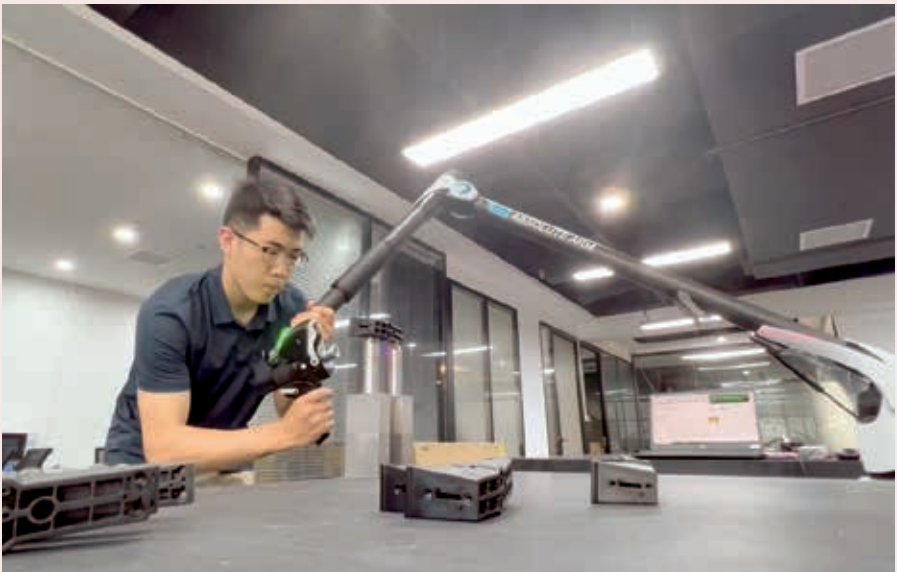


Location Highlights

WIE in Greater Bay Area

It is the aim of the nation's strategic planning in the Greater Bay Area to promote regional economic growth through deepened cooperation and integration. Not only has it transformed the Area into one of the ideal breeding grounds for start-ups, but also provided excellent opportunities for Hong Kong students to explore career possibilities for their future development.

Our Mainland WIE programmes endeavours to facilitate PolyU students' acquisition of real-life work experience and technical know-how through undertaking internships in the Greater Bay Area, particularly Shenzhen, where various technology enterprises, CPA firms, and start-ups are headquartered. Particularly, the Greater Bay Area Internship Programme has assisted many PolyU students to expand career network and explore career opportunities in the Area.





Get Prepared for WIE



Each year, PolyU offers a wide variety of support for WIE student participants to optimise their internship experiences and ensure smooth WIE journeys, which includes Offshore WIE Sponsorship (OWS), departure briefing sessions, OWS briefing sessions, and WIE Ambassador Programme, among others.

Departure briefing and OWS briefing sessions provide students with practical information and ideas to embark on a meaningful and safe WIE internship.

- School-to-work transition
- Cross-cultural communication
- International SOS Assistance App
- OWS
- Group travel insurance
- Safety precautions

Pre-WIE training sessions organised by the Global Engagement Office to assist students in getting the most out of their WIE experience.





Offshore WIE Sponsorship (OWS)

is offered to eligible WIE student participants to encourage them to take on an impactful placement in Mainland China or overseas.



Basic sponsorship

To support part of the costs incurred during a WIE trip



WIE Learning Incentive

For students who have demonstrated positive learning outcomes through clear articulation of learning gains, and achievement of WIE requirements as specified by respective academic departments



Hardship Allowance

For students who have proven financial difficulties in covering the expenses incurred during a WIE placement in Mainland China or overseas for the fulfilment of WIE requirements with respective academic departments' endorsement

About Careers and Placement Section, Student Affairs Office



The Careers and Placement Section, Student Affairs Office (CPS, SAO) aims to facilitate students' acquisition of required work competencies through the provision of internship opportunities, mentorship programmes, and career development workshops.

CPS, SAO provides comprehensive career services for both PolyU students and employers, which include:



Coordinating **International, Mainland, and Local WIE programmes** with PolyU academic units to enable students to, while fulfilling WIE requirements, gain work experience and expand global perspective



Administering PolyU's University-wide **"INSPIRE" Mentorship Programme** to enhance students' holistic education experience, intellectual growth, and professional development through a support network of role models and prominent leaders from the PolyU community





Providing students with different **job opportunities** through the STEM Internship Scheme, Work-on-Campus Scheme, Job Recommendation Scheme, among others



Arranging **career training workshops and one-to-one career advising sessions** to facilitate students' career planning and development of job hunt strategies



Organising **recruitment talks and career fairs** in collaboration with companies/organisations for students to meet potential employers, explore job opportunities, and build network



Supporting students' hunt for graduate job/internship/part-time job opportunities through **PolyU Job Board and Joint Institutions Job Information System (JIIS)**

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- Russia New University
- Shibaura Institute of Technology
- Toyota Technological Institute
- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Supporting organisation – Mainland WIE

- Chinese Academy of Governance (HK) Industrial and Commercial Professional Alumni Association Limited
- Federation of New Territories Youth
- Fudan University
- Hong Kong United Youth Association
- Hongkong-Shanghai Economic Development Association
- National Cheng Kung University
- National Taipei University
- Seeding's Culture Youth Exchange Centre
- Shanghai Hong Kong Association
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