



Douglass-O'Connell Global Internship Frequently Asked Questions

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DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: WHAT WILL THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNS STUDY?

A: While on the program, the 2026 Douglass-O'Connell Global Interns will be placed in an immersive internship with an Irish organization and participate in a 6-credit academic internship seminar. Students will also explore the legacies of Frederick Douglass and Daniel O'Connell as successful businessmen and leaders of social change.

Q: WHERE WILL THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNS STUDY?

A: The 2026 Douglass-O'Connell Global Interns will spend eight weeks in Dublin, Ireland.

Q: WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE PROGRAM?

A: The 2026 cohort will study from June 12 to August 9, 2026.

Q: IS THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNSHIP A FULL SCHOLARSHIP?

A: Co-sponsored by CIEE, the Government of Ireland, the African American Irish Diaspora Network, and the John & Lillian Miles Lewis Foundation, the program award covers the full program cost, airfare, housing, field trips, and an academic course taught by CIEE. Meals and recreational activities are not covered. Students will also receive a stipend while on the program.

Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNSHIP?

A: Applicants must:

- Be a current undergraduate freshman, sophomore, or junior from an accredited institution
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident
- Be Pell Grant-eligible
- Submit a complete application no later than January 9, 2026

Q: HOW DO I APPLY?

A: Applications open on September 3, 2025, and close on January 9, 2026. [Submit your application here.](#)

Q: HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNSHIP?

A: Ten (10) students will be selected.



Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Q: WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT THE APPLICATION?

A: You must complete the application by January 9, 2026. We suggest that you request your letter of recommendation well in advance of the deadline. You must secure this recommendation from a college/university president, faculty member, or administrator who is familiar with you and your leadership skills. Additionally, we suggest you complete your video submission early, as it is a critical component of the selection process.

Q: IS THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNSHIP COMPETITIVE?

A: Yes, the Douglass-O'Connell Global Internship is a competitive program, but it is a one-of-a-kind transformative experience for exceptional students. If you're not selected for the program, all eligible applicants receive a \$1,500 Douglass-O'Connell Scholars Grant that they may use for any CIEE summer or semester program through summer 2027.

Q: WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

A: The 2026 cohort will study from June 12 to August 9, 2026.

Q: WHEN WILL THE SELECTION OF THE DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL GLOBAL INTERNS BE ANNOUNCED?

A: Late January

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

A:

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- Email us with your questions: fddo@ciee.org