



DOUGLASS-O'CONNELL
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP



Douglass-O'Connell Global Internship **Frequently Asked Questions**

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

A: While on the program, the 2027 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 2027 Douglass-O'Connell Global Interns will spend eight weeks in Dublin, Ireland.

Q: WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE PROGRAM?

A: The 2027 cohort will study from June 16 to August 9, 2027.

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 8, 2027

Q: HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

A: Applications open on September 1, 2026, and close on January 8, 2027. [Students can submit their application here.](#)

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

A: Thirteen (13) students will be selected.



Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Q: WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT THE APPLICATION?

A: Students must complete the application by January 8, 2027. We suggest that applicants request their letter of recommendation well in advance of the deadline. They must secure this recommendation from a college/university president, faculty member, or administrator who is familiar with their leadership skills. Additionally, we suggest that applicants complete their video submissions early, as the video 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. All eligible applicants who are not selected receive a \$1,500 Douglass-O'Connell Scholars Grant, which can be used toward any CIEE summer or semester study abroad program through summer 2028.

Q: WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

A: Completed applications must be submitted by January 8, 2027. Late applications will not be considered for any reason and all application tasks must be finished in their entirety.

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

A: Late January

Q: WHERE CAN APPLICANTS FIND MORE INFORMATION?

A:

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