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What is Ashinaga?

What do we do?

Ashinaga is a Japanese foundation headquartered in Tokyo. We provide financial support and emotional care to young people around the world who have lost either one or both parents.

Headquarters

Tokyo, Japan

Ashinaga's support has enabled students who lost one or both parents or have a severely disabled parent to gain access to higher education

Over 110,000 students

Our history

55 years

What is the Internship Program?

Africa Ashinaga Initiative

In 2014, the Ashinaga Africa Initiative (AAI) was launched to extend our support to students from all 49 sub-Saharan African countries.

The Ashinaga Internship Program started as an English teaching program for students in Japan. It has since grown exponentially to encompass several departments and functions at Ashinaga offices in Japan, Uganda, and Senegal.

What sets the Ashinaga Internship Program apart is that interns are encouraged to develop their own projects and tailor the internship according to the skills they want to acquire. Through ongoing support and guidance from Ashinaga staff, interns grow professionally and personally whilst making a real contribution to the work of an international NGO.

Since 2013, over 500 students and recent graduates have participated in the Ashinaga Internship Program, supporting our mission to provide educational and emotional support for orphaned students in Japan and overseas.



OVER 500 STUDENTS

SINCE 2013

120+ UNIVERSITIES



The Ashinaga Internship Program in Japan

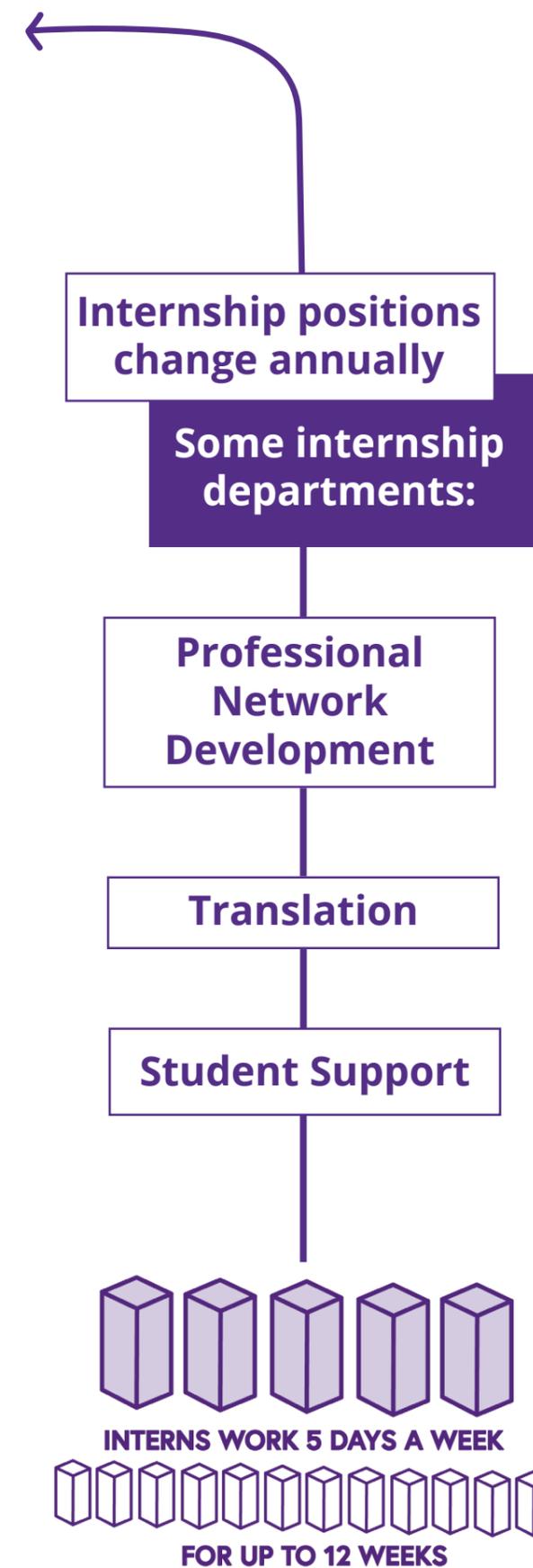
Information

Ashinaga’s Japan-based interns work on projects from our Tokyo headquarters or the Tokyo or Kobe Kokoro-Juku dormitories. Teams change each year and internship cycle, but possible placements range from departments like Translation, Professional Network Development, Student Support, and more. On every team, interns learn transferable skills and experience what it is like to work for an international NGO.

Although many positions are mostly office-based, interns also participate in various student activities depending on the term. For example, there is *bokin*, a biannual street fundraising campaign, and *tsudo*, student summer camps. By participating, interns get insight on Ashinaga’s work both behind the scenes and on the ground.

Accommodation

Ashinaga interns share four-person rooms at the Kobe or Tokyo Kokoro-Juku, with each other or with students. While Kobe interns work from the Kokoro-Juku itself, those working at the Tokyo headquarters commute into central Tokyo from their accommodation located in Hino City. Ashinaga offers free accommodation during the internship period as well as an economy class round-trip airfare, two meals per day, a weekly stipend, transportation costs, and other benefits. We want to ensure that anyone can intern with us, regardless of their financial background.



Internship Team Introduction

Professional Network Development (PND)

One of the pillars of the AAI is the development of Scholars' professional skills and network. The two main responsibilities of the PND team are to find internship and job opportunities for AAI Scholars and to provide them with career development guidance. Interns assist staff members in managing relationships with external organizations and in the development of new partnerships.

Check our website for details of internship positions currently being offered.

Translation

Translation from and into Japanese, English, French, and Portuguese is instrumental to our domestic and overseas projects. Interns work on a wide range of materials which enables them to learn about all of the activities that Ashinaga is involved in. These projects include promotional material, internal reports, and more. Interns may also provide interpretation for student activities and events.

Student Support

Student Support interns help Ashinaga Japanese students prepare academic or professional international experiences and assist staff in organizing and carrying out Ashinaga's Japan-based activities. Depending on the internship term, interns help prepare bokin and tsudoj, the two leading student activities that have shaped Ashinaga's support for over 40 years. In addition to gaining project development and management skills, Student Support interns obtain first-hand experience by directly interacting with Ashinaga Scholars. Working directly with Scholars alongside staff is an excellent way to witness the impact Ashinaga has on students and the challenges that need to be overcome.



Internship Program in Uganda & Senegal

Internship

Interns working with Ashinaga in Uganda or Senegal have the unique opportunity to mentor and teach talented AAI Scholars from all across the African continent. These ambitious students are selected by Ashinaga and receive financial support to study at top universities around the world. Their training begins with a 6-month Study Camp to strengthen their academic skills and support their university applications, while fostering their leadership skills. Following this, students return for a Preparation Camp which focuses on planning for the practical aspects of living and studying abroad in their destination countries.

Intern Role

Interns play an integral role in the development of students' academic ability during the Preparation Year. Bridging the roles of teacher and mentor, interns support students in various fields. This is an opportunity for open-minded and driven individuals to gain experience through planning lessons using innovative pedagogical teaching methods. This environment incentivizes creative problem-solving, while providing insights on the challenges and possibilities in education in sub-Saharan Africa.

Study Camp

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Preparation Camp

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Uganda Internship

The working environment in Uganda is very international. The Kokoro-Juku is located in Nansana, just outside of the Ugandan capital of Kampala. Interns have the opportunity to work on a wide range of tasks, including academic teaching, conducting research, participating in Kokoro-Juku group activities, and more. The students attending the camps come from all Anglophone and Lusophone countries in Africa and are all selected based on talent and future ambition.

Intern Requirements

All interns must be fluent in English or Portuguese and able to work both in teams and individually. The subjects of teaching include IELTS and SAT preparation, Math, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Sociology, History, Economics, International Relations, African Affairs, Critical thinking, Cultural class, Financial management, Study Skills, and Computer Skills.

For more information go to: <https://en.ashinaga.org/support-us/intern-with-us/>

Senegal Internship

Ashinaga Senegal is located in the capital, Dakar. The office is a vibrant environment with staff and interns from all over the world, using both French and English as the main languages of communication.

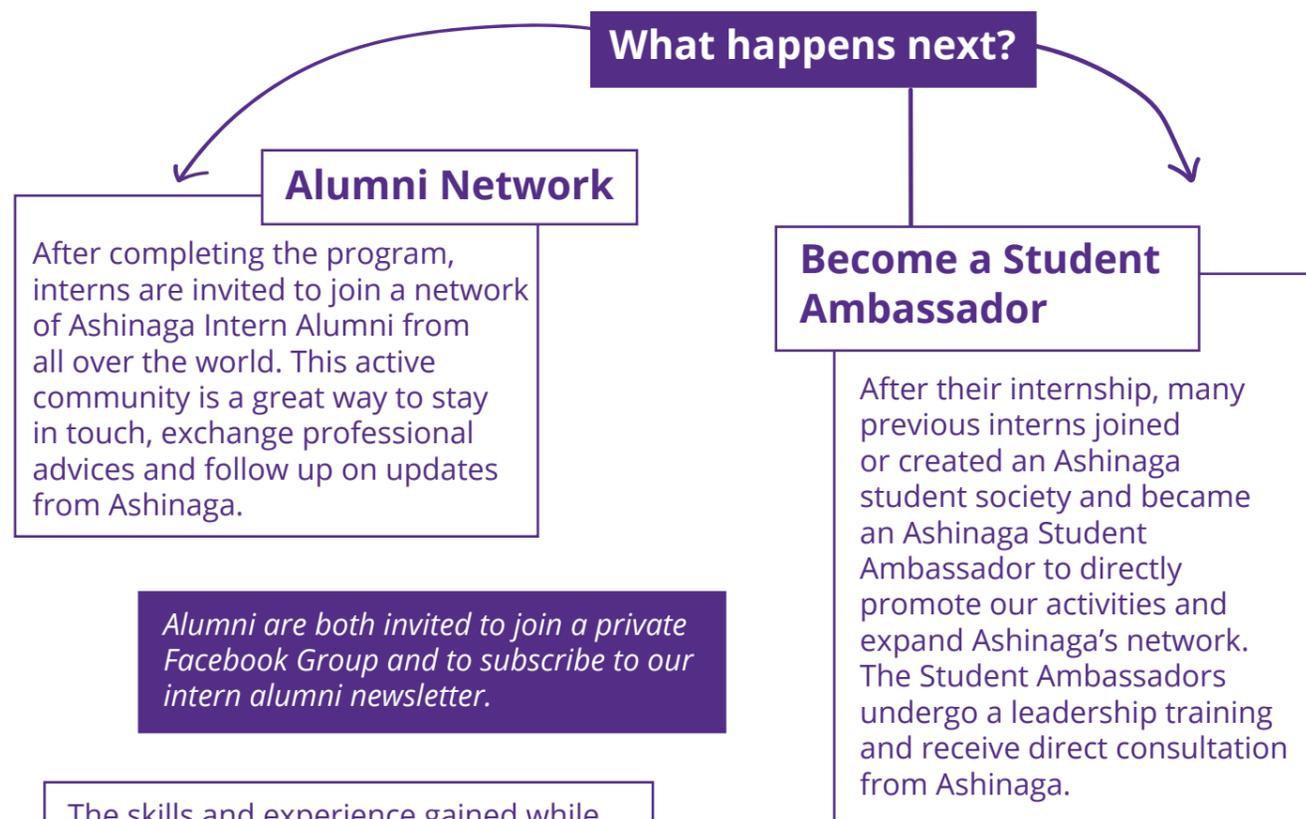
Roles include planning and delivering tailored classes, mentoring students, and organizing events. There is also the chance to take on other tasks including research and outreach.

Intern Requirements

Subjects that the interns might teach include Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Economics, International Relations, Management, African Affairs in a Global Context, Critical thinking, Professional Development, Financial management, Study Skills, Computer Skills, IELTS, English, TCF/DALF/DELF, Japanese culture, and Japanese language.



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Alumni are both invited to join a private Facebook Group and to subscribe to our intern alumni newsletter.

The skills and experience gained while interning with Ashinaga are widely applicable to different fields. The Internship Program has been an eye-opening experience for some former interns who felt inspired to build a career in the third sector or even start their own organizations. In the past five years, Ashinaga has used the Internship Program to find dedicated individuals who have eventually joined us as staff. To this date, 33 past interns have joined Ashinaga in our offices in Tokyo, Kobe, New York, Paris, London, Dakar, Kampala, and Sao Paolo.

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