

OCREECAS INTERNSHIP APPLICATION, 2027

In the spring, OCREECAS will award up to three grants of a maximum of \$5,000 each to support students participating in internships in the OCREECAS region* during 2027.

While a few affiliate placements are available, students are strongly encouraged to create their own opportunities with recognized institutions. Internships typically last one to three months and require at least one affiliate institution in the host country. The program is open to current students and recent graduates (within the past two years), with priority for REEES majors and students who have not previously received this award. Complete applications are due by 5pm on April 2, 2027 to kpaabus@oberlin.edu & msolovie@oberlin.edu.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

If you are considering an OCREECAS application, it is highly recommended that you discuss your project plans far in advance of the deadline with OCREECAS Internship Coordinator, **Maia Solovieva**, msolovie@oberlin.edu.

Materials that are required for internship application (combine all files into one PDF):

- ☐ **Completed Application Form** (4th page only of this document)

- ☐ **Resume:** Attach a resume that includes your academic and extra-curricular interests, prior travel abroad, previous internships and/or work experience over the last 2-3 years. Please include what language courses you have taken and what languages you speak, as well as your year in school.

- ☐ **Personal Statement** (400-500 words): Please write an essay that introduces the selection committee to who you are and how your life has shaped you. The essay also should demonstrate your ability to work independently and successfully with others in cross-cultural situations.

- ☐ **Project Statement** (400-500 words): A concrete description of your internship proposal that includes why you are applying to a specific host country and institution, and how it relates to your course of study at Oberlin. Please be sure to describe your connection with the specific organization(s) where you intend to intern and what contact you have already had with them.

- ☐ **Budget:** Attach a proposed budget statement estimating air travel, ground

transportation cost, local accommodations, food budget, communications, visa, travel health insurance, research supplies, and so on.

- ☐ **Passport:** Photo/scan of a valid passport.
- ☐ **Letter of Affiliation:** Please be sure to include a letter of affiliation from the internship institution.
- ☐ Additional support materials as needed (optional).

Please note the following:

- The completed application and all supporting materials are due by 5pm on April 2, 2027. To apply, please submit application materials (by email, as a single pdf) to Kristina Paabus, OCREECAS Director (kpaabus@oberlin.edu) & Maia Solovieva, OCREECAS Internship Coordination (msoloviev@oberlin.edu).
- Notification of the awards will be made by April 19, 2027.
- Candidates for an OCREECAS internship must be prepared for the cultural differences they will encounter and adhere to the requirements of the host institution.
- Students who receive an OCREECAS Winter Term Grant or OCREECAS Russian Language Study Award are eligible to apply for OCREECAS internships.
- This is purely a monetary award—OCREECAS is not responsible for providing logistical support (visa, travel arrangements, etc.).
- Awardees must participate in a mandatory zoom or on-campus orientation session, secure medical insurance with emergency evacuation coverage, and develop a crisis management plan to carry on their person while abroad. All chosen candidates are expected to act in accordance with College policies which they will review during the pre-departure orientation. Prior to travel, students must register with the U.S. State Department Smart Traveler Program, [STEP](#).
- Awardees will be required to write a report (500 words) about their internship for OCREECAS, and may be asked to return to campus (in-person or virtually) to share information about their experience with current students. Please include 3-5 jpeg images with the final report as well as a short video that can be shared with future students as well as potentially through social media.
- Beginning Russian Language lessons are not covered by this award. Students should

complete any language requirements at Oberlin in advance of travel.

- Students are required to complete their proposed project within one calendar year of award notification. Students who are not able to complete their projects are required to return OCREECAS funding in full.

- *The OCREECAS Region includes the following: Armenia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. *Please note that OCREECAS does not support travel to locations with US State Department travel advisories of 3 or 4.*

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OCREECAS INTERNSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2027

Personal contact information:

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Graduation Year (anticipated): _____
Languages: _____
Major(s)/Minor(s): _____
Oberlin Telephone Number: _____
Preferred Oberlin Mailing Address: _____
Cell Phone #: _____ Preferred Email: _____
Permanent Address and Telephone Number: _____

Emergency contact information (name and relationship of a family member, their home phone, cell phone, and email)

Internship:

Organization Name: _____
Organization Contact: _____
Telephone number and email of contact: _____
Intended length of internship: _____

References:

Please include 2 references (names, titles, email, phone)

1. _____

2. _____

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Applicant's signature _____ Date _____