Temporary work placements in the United Kingdom

If you want to go to the UK for work experience or training, then you need to apply to the Temporary Worker - Government Authorised Exchange visa (T5).

This is the overview from the UK Government pages:

Where and when to apply:

- Apply within max. 3 months before you are due to start your temporary work.
- You must apply online for this visa
- Submit your visa application - Temporary Worker - Government Authorised Exchange visa (T5) - on GOV.UK T5 visa

What documents will you need?

1. A valid passport;
2. Evidence that you have enough personal savings to support yourself in the UK (the equivalent of £1270);
3. Your certificate of sponsorship from a GAE licensed sponsor.

How to get your certificate of sponsorship:

- If you do an internship in a UK registered company, charity or government department*
  - Then your sponsor must be a Tier 5 GAE sponsor
  - Apply for a certificate [here](#) or [here](#)
- If you are going on an Erasmus+ exchange
  - Then your sponsor is the British Council
  - More info [here](#)
- If you are going to the UK as a language assistant
  - Then your sponsor is the British Council
  - More info [here](#)

*at the exception of sole traders or for internships in the following industries: hospitality, care, agriculture, or law sectors. For these sectors please look at the full list of authorised exchanges.

How much does it cost?

- £244 (reduced by £55 for applicants based in France);
- £470 for the healthcare surcharge.

You can enter the UK up to 14 days before the start date of your job.

The British Council is not a visa advisory service. Please refer to official UK governmental websites for guidance.