

# LONDON INTERNSHIP

## Letter from Internship Director

Thank you for your interest in serving as an intern in London. We are excited to offer you this opportunity to gain vital hands-on ministry experience and training. In the pages that follow, you will find important information about the internship program in London. If you have other questions that are not addressed in the material already provided, please contact us. - Travis & Teri Snode (678-871-9610, [tsnode@gmail.com](mailto:tsnode@gmail.com))

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## Internship Partnerships

The London Internship is directed by Travis Snode and offered in partnership with Vision Baptist Missions ([www.visionmission.com](http://www.visionmission.com)) and the Our Generation Training Center ([www.ogtc.info](http://www.ogtc.info)). In most cases, in order to participate in the internship, you will be required to go through some preliminary training at the Training Center in Alpharetta, GA: (1 week for a 6-week internship, 1 month for a 6-month internship, 2 months for a 1-year internship). If you desire to receive credit through the Our Generation Training Center for your internship, then you must complete 6 months of training prior to coming on the internship.

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## Information About London

- Population of 8.2 million in the city and 15 million in the metro area.
  - The city sprawls for 600 square miles with 13,500 people per square mile.
  - One of the world's leading financial centres, alongside New York City.
  - Attracts 14 million visitors annually.
  - A multicultural city with over 300 languages being spoken and 37% of the people born outside of the UK.
  - Over 400,000 students in 43 universities.
  - 1.7 million non-religious people, 1 million Muslims, 400,000 Hindus, 150,000 Jews, 125,000 Sikhs, 83,000 Buddhists, and millions of others may claim to be "Christian" but are not truly saved!
  - Only 1 in 5 go regularly to any church.
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## History of the Work in London

Travis and Teri Snode have been church-planters to Ireland and the United Kingdom since 2001. The first chapter of their ministry involved church-planting in Northern Ireland. In 2013, they moved to London and are currently involved in planting Downham Baptist Church ([www.downhambaptist.org](http://www.downhambaptist.org)) in the Borough of Lewisham. Along with a team of missionaries and British and Irish pastors, their vision is to reach people with the gospel, to make disciples, and to plant and revitalise churches. You can find out more about the Snodes at [www.travissnode.com](http://www.travissnode.com) and the UK team they work with at [www.reachtheisles.com](http://www.reachtheisles.com).

London is a city with a very rich history of Bible-preaching churches. There are many churches that still preach the gospel and believe the Bible, but those churches are becoming fewer and fewer. The need in the city is not to just start new churches but to strengthen the things which remain. As a city with worldwide influence in culture, business, media, education, finance, and travel, it would be great to leverage that influence for Christ.

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## Purpose of Your Internship

- Develop your vision for the world.
- Gain experience in cross-cultural evangelism, discipleship and ministry.
- Cultivate a heart for people from other cultures and backgrounds.
- Help reach out to lost people and encourage believers in the city.
- Gain understanding about church-planting around the world.
- Leave forever changed by the Holy Spirit of God.

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## Internship Dates

The dates for your particular internship will be arranged on an individual basis. The recommended amount of time for an internship is anywhere from six weeks to one year. For more details or to plan an internship, contact us.

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## Schedule

While you are in the UK, the main purpose of your internship will be to learn more about evangelism, church-planting and how to serve God better; to develop more of a burden for world evangelism; and to be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.

This is not a sightseeing tour or a vacation, however, during your internship you will be able to see some beautiful countryside, travel to some very historic places, and participate in some fun activities.

Here are some things that may do during your internship:

- Participate in world evangelism classes
  - Gain experience in personal evangelism, discipleship, and ministry
  - Shop for souvenirs
  - Visit historic churches and buildings
  - Learn about culture and customs
  - Pass out tracts and literature
  - Minister in church services
  - Help with special meetings
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## Visa

The UK Border Agency requires that all volunteers who enter the country to do religious work obtain a visa. Your visa will be a Tier 5 Religious Worker's Visa.

In order to obtain this visa, a sponsoring church here in the UK will need to issue you a Certificate of Sponsorship which is basically a number that you enter into your application. We will take care of finding a church to sponsor you into the country.

The following website will give you more information about the sponsorship and visa process:  
<https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-religious>.

In order for you to be issued with a certificate of sponsorship, we will need you to read about the sponsorship process, fill out an application form, and follow the steps outlined by the sponsoring church.

Please begin the sponsorship process 3 months before you plan to come. This will allow time for your certificate of sponsorship to be issued for you to apply for your visa. You will also be asked to agree to a volunteer work contract with the sponsoring church, which will be signed when you arrive in the country.

Copies of the following may be required at the time of application: current passport photo, passport (front and inside photo page), birth certificate, ordination certificate (if applicable), social security card, college diploma (if applicable), proof of health insurance, driver's license (if applicable), five year address history, bank statements showing income, and criminal record background check number or document.

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## Cost

The cost of your internship will vary greatly depending on several factors: the price of airfare, how long you arrange to stay, what time of year you come, what you plan to do, where you stay, and the size of your group. The prices below are a rough estimate based on one person staying for a minimum of 6 months and living by themselves in a studio flat:

### One-Time Costs:

Plane tickets	\$1000 - \$1700	(Varies greatly with time of year and airlines)
Visa	\$350	(Based on fee of £244 for Tier 5 visa application)
House Furnishings	\$550	(For various furnishings and/or appliances for your house)
Lodging Deposit	\$1000	(A security deposit that may be returned to you by your landlord depending on the condition of the premises at departure)

### Monthly Costs: \$1980\*

Lodging	\$775	(Based on £550 to rent a room near Downham)
Utilities	\$225	(Based on paying £160 for utilities and phone in a room rental)
Transportation	\$225	(Based on walking some and occasionally using public transport)
Trips/Tours	\$200	(Various tours and trips that will vary depending on the individual)
Food	\$375	(Based on spending about £60 per week on groceries/eating out)
Spending	\$200	(For offerings, snacks, souvenirs, and miscellaneous expenses)

\*All above costs are based on estimated costs and exchanges rates (\$1.40 to £1 average in 2018).

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## Deadlines

In order to have the most effective internship, we require all interns to meet the following deadlines:

6 months before departure - *Confirm dates of internship with us.*

- Your visit might be able to coincide with a special outreach or special meeting for children, teens, etc.
- This would allow you the opportunity to be more involved in the ministry here.

3 months before departure - *Begin application process for visa.*

2 months before departure - *Purchase plane tickets.*

- You will be responsible to purchase your own plane tickets, though we would be happy to offer our advice on airlines that we would recommend.
- Be sure to confirm all flight details with us before final booking.

6 weeks before departure - *Send money for your first month of lodging and utilities.*

- This will allow us to make deposits on your lodging and accommodation.
- Please send your money to Vision Baptist Missions, PO Box 442, Braselton, GA, 30009 and mark your check "Travis Snode - London Internship."

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## Lodging

Depending on whether there are other interns who are here at the same time as yourself, we will seek to find suitable accommodation for you. If rent rates seem high, please understand that housing is at a premium in London. If you are here as the only intern, we will probably seek to find you a “spare room” which essentially gives you a bedroom in someone’s home and shared access to bathroom, kitchen, and living room. If there are other interns here at the same time, we may rent a larger house/apartment that all of you share. Prior to your arrival, we will work on locating you somewhere to stay. Please be prepared that housing, space, and life is probably different in London from what you are used to. We will do our best to find you something that you will be happy with, but we cannot always guarantee that.

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## Transport

Vehicle costs are quite high in London as well, so we are not always equipped with vehicles to accommodate additional people. Most (if not all) of your traveling will be via the excellent public transport system in London. Mostly likely, we will recommend that you purchase an Oystercard which can be used on the tube, national rail, and buses within the city.

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## Tours

We may arrange (and, in your free time, you are welcome to explore) various historic and tourist sites in the city. Possible places include Tower of London, Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon’s), Wesley’s Chapel, Westminster Abbey, London Eye, and Harrods. Please be aware that the cost of visiting these places will need to come out of your trips/tours money or other moneys.

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## Trips

Occasionally, we may take certain trips to other parts of the UK, Ireland, and/or Europe. You may have the opportunity to go on these trips, at your own expense. Also, if you would like to travel (with approval) to other parts of the British Isles or Europe while you are here, make sure to plan that into your budget.

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## Food

Meals will be your responsibility. You can buy groceries to prepare in your home or eat out, depending on your preference and budget. Keep in mind that eating out all the time can be quite expensive.

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## Getting Your Money

There are various ways you can get your money while you are here. Here are a few options:

- You can pull it out in British Pounds from an ATM (recommended). If you choose to do this, you need to check with your bank to find out what fees are associated with this.
- You can write a check to us and we will draw it out for you in Pounds. With this method, please realise that a certain amount of commission will be charged at the bank to exchange your money.

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## Plane Tickets

You will be responsible to purchase your own plane tickets two months prior to your departure.. The price of tickets varies considerably with the time of the year. The most expensive time to fly is during the summer. When purchasing your tickets, the best airports to fly into are London Heathrow (LHR), London Gatwick (LGW), or London Stansted (STN). Prior to booking your flight, please be sure to confirm the flight details with us.

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## Luggage

The amount of checked and carry-on luggage that you will be allowed to bring will depend on the guidelines of the airlines that you fly with. Most include one 50-pound checked suitcase and a carry-on in the price. Any additional weight or suitcase are an extra cost. Check the airlines website for specific information.

You may be asked to bring some small items in your luggage for one of the church-planters working in the country, if you have space.

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## Dress and Weather

The temperature in London ranges between 52-73° F in the summer and 36-46° F in the winter. It can be quite windy and rainy at any time of the year and may even snow in the winter.

If you will be here during the winter, be sure to bring a warm jacket, preferably waterproof with a hood. You should bring mostly long-sleeve clothing for the winter months. A lightweight waterproof jacket and short-sleeve clothing will be fine for the summer.

You will want some relatively comfortable shoes for all the walking we do here.

Please be modest in everything you wear so you will set a good example for the people on the field.

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## Medication

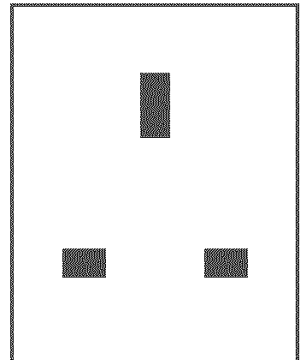
You may bring any over-the-counter drug. Any prescription drug may be brought as long as you have the prescription with you.

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## Caution

Always be careful to watch your things while traveling. Airports and crowded shopping areas may have thieves, pickpockets etc. Do not wear excessive amounts of jewellery or something that might call attention to yourself. Do not flash your money around.

Do not plug in any electrical devices without checking first to see if it is the right voltage. All electrical outlets in the UK are 220-240 volts and 50 Hz cycle. The picture to the right gives you an idea of what the outlets look like.



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## Preaching, Teaching, or Testimony

We want every God-called preacher to have a chance to preach several times. You must understand that preference will be given to those who are pastors and preachers in full-time ministry. If possible we will have everyone who desires to give at least a word of testimony. Please abide by the time restraints that you are given.

How to give your testimony in the services:

- Write out your testimony. It will help you to stay within your time limits.
  - Keep it brief, about 3-5 minutes.
  - Tell who you are and a little bit about yourself, what you do, your family, etc.
  - Add a couple of positive statements about the country, the church, and the people!
  - Do not talk about the differences in language, the currency as funny money, how sorry you feel for them, etc.
  - Tell what Christ has done for you, how you got saved, how you realised your need of a Saviour, how your life has changed, how Christ has helped you lately.
  - Give a verse and then give the application.
  - Do not give graphic details about your sin or your past life.
  - Thank the folks again and ask them to pray for you. Be excited about the country and the opportunity to be there.
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## Keeping a Journal

Ideas for your journal:

- Keep a diary of your daily thoughts and events
- Keep a record of your prayer requests
- Keep a record of how you felt on the internship
- Preserve your joy for future memories
- Keep a list of what you are learning and how God is working in your life
- Write down quotes and sayings that you hear that are a blessing for you
- Review your day with God
- Be able to share with your family, friends and church all that God did in your life on the internship

Tips on how to keep a journal:

- Start before you leave home.
- Set aside a quiet time each day for writing.
- Talk to your journal as though it were your best friend.
- Keep your journal confidential.
- Answer some questions in your journal entries like the following:
  - What did I learn today that will benefit my spiritual life?
  - What areas of my life does God seem to be talking to me about right now?
  - What did I learn about serving Him?
  - What did we do today?
  - Who did we meet today?
  - What decision did you make today for your spiritual life and growth?

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## Cultural Dos and Don'ts

- Do not treat the British churches any differently than you would your own church.
  - Do treat the British pastors with respect just as you would treat your pastor.
  - Do not eat or drink in front of the British folks without offering them something as well.
  - Do not constantly criticise Britain or talk about your country and all that you miss there or how it is better, etc.
  - Develop a taste for local foods. Eat with them. Do not turn your nose up at the food.
  - Do get involved in the services.
  - Do try to look at things like they do. You are the foreigner.
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## Packing Checklist

- Passport
- Copies of Birth Certificate and Passport in a separate place than your original passport
- Bible
- Journal
- Notebook
- Ink Pen
- Camera/ Video Camera
- Change of clothes in your carry-on, in case of lost luggage
- Toiletries
- U S currencies no marked up bills, tears, stains, etc. Need to look like new.
- Luggage keys
- Only necessary credit cards
- Student ID of any kind
- Clothes and Shoes for church
- Battery operated alarm clock

## LONDON INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and email to [tsnode@gmail.com](mailto:tsnode@gmail.com). Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Travis Snode at 678-871-9610.

<b>Applicant Information</b> (Please notify Sponsor of any changes of address or telephone number.)		
<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Middle:</b>	<b>Last:</b>
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Gender:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	<b>Citizenship:</b>	
<b>SSN:</b>	<b>Height:</b>	<b>Weight:</b>
<b>Eye Color:</b>	<b>Hair Color:</b>	
<b>List any other languages you know/speak other than English.</b>		

<b>Emergency Contact</b>		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	
<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>

<b>Parental Information</b>	
<b>Father's Name:</b>	<b>Father Living (Y/N)?</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City/State:</b>
<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Occupation:</b>	
<b>Mother's Name:</b>	<b>Mother Living (Y/N)?</b>
<b>Address:</b> (If different)	<b>City/State:</b>
<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Occupation:</b>	



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### Health Information

Is your health... (good, poor)?

Do you have any chronic illnesses (Y/N)?

Do you have any physical disabilities (Y/N)?

Have you been under the care of a physician in the last three years (Y/N)?

If yes, please give details.

### Financial Information

Do you currently have any outstanding debt other than school loans (Y/N)?

If yes, please indicate amount.

Please list debts:

Have you ever filed for bankruptcy (Y/N)?

If yes, please give details.

### Church Membership

Church Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Pastor:

Phone:

Email:

Is this your sending church (Y/N)?

Sending Church (if different from above):

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Pastor:

Phone:

Email:

### Ordination (men only)

Have you been ordained (Y/N)?

If yes, please give date:

If no, please give date of scheduled ordination:

Church Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Pastor:

Phone:

Email:

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### Spiritual Experience

Salvation Date:

Baptism Date:

Baptism Church/ Location:

Describe your salvation experience.

Describe your Christian Service experience.

Explain the reason you desire to intern in the UK.

### Additional Information

What skills do you possess that would be of assistance to a missionary? (Office, computer, construction, teaching, etc.)

What type of ministry are you hoping to do in the UK?

How long of an internship do you hope to have (no more than 2 years)?

Please list the names and contact details of two people who are not relatives of yours whom we can contact as references. These people should include your pastor and may include someone from the Bible college where you are attending or have attended, if applicable, or a ministry leader who knows you well, such as a Bible college professor, church staff member, Sunday school teacher, etc.

Name:  
Address:  
Email:  
Phone:  
  
Name:  
Address:  
Email:  
Phone:

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### Statements

Do you understand the regulations of the Border Agency on Migrant Workers (Y/N)?

Are you willing to submit yourself to accountability to the Sponsor (Y/N)?

Do you agree to follow the sponsorship policies/requirements of your sponsor (Y/N)?

Have you informed your pastor, home church and mission board (if applicable) about the sponsorship arrangements (Y/N)?

I desire to be recognized as a Religious/Charity Worker in the UK and if I am accepted and endorsed, I hereby agree to respect all policies governing me as a migrant on the foreign mission field.

*Please initial if in agreement.*

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I understand that if at any time my role changes or I leave the country, I am to inform my sponsor immediately.

*Please initial if in agreement.*

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Signed Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# LONDON INTERNSHIP COVENANT

## Covenant

I recognise and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of my internship. I understand that though the United Kingdom may not be referred to as a third-world country, it may not have the same conveniences that I am used to at home. I realise how important it is to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of my host. If accepted as a member of this Mission Group:

- I will go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during this internship.
- I realise and agree that this is a mission internship and not a vacation. I want to go on this internship to learn more about missions, learn how I can serve God better, and be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.
- I will accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission internship.
- I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardises the success of the internship, and that mediation during the internship has failed to correct my behaviour, that my services in connection with this mission internship will end and I will return home immediately at my own expense.
- If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members or local people during the internship.
- I will always pay my own way! I will be careful not to allow the missionaries or local people to pay my expenses or my team's expenses.
- I will be a blessing to the missionaries we are visiting. If a missionary accompanies me on an outing or excursion, I will pay for the missionary's entry fees and meals. The missionary is only going as a guide and has probably been there several times already.
- I will not expect the missionaries to be my maids. They aren't offering room service.
- I will help out with serving, cleaning, cooking in the missionary home. I will be a blessing that the missionaries will remember and be glad and thankful that I came on the internship.
- I will not complain about the food, lodging accommodations, etc.
- I will be a gracious guest. If your lodging is in a missionary (or national) home, I will remember I am a houseguest. This home has been generously opened to me. It is not a motel to be treated carelessly as if I had paid for the room.
- I will be respectful of the missionary's home. In whatever home I stay, I will treat the possessions of the owner with care. I will always leave a home and the furnishings in as good a condition as I found them. I will respect the missionaries' right to privacy.
- I will conscientiously set aside the time to have my personal devotions and take care of the daily responsibilities both spiritually and physically. I will understand that each group member will be asked to help with different house duties.
- I will attend all services, activities, outings, etc. and carry my share of the load in the work we are trying to accomplish.
- I will maintain and exhibit a good attitude that will honour and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.
- I will submit to the instructions concerning attire, eating, drinking and other such traditions which will help me to assimilate into the local community.
- I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for our missionary hosts, and to do my best to help them attain their long term goals.
- As a Christian I realise that it is my responsibility to die to myself and seek to serve others. I will not seek my own but that of others. This means not putting myself first and leaving the others out. I will be a blessing to all on my team and especially those that I have come to minister to.
- I realise that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel may be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team.
- Before I give a gift to someone I will consult with the team leader and missionary and allow him to make the final decision on this matter.
- I release and discharge the organisations and individuals which helped me make these arrangements, including Vision Baptist Missions, the Our Generation Training Center, my home church, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have against these organisations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns for all personal injuries, known or unknown and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
- In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Pastor Recommendation

*Please complete and email to [tsnode@gmail.com](mailto:tsnode@gmail.com). Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Travis Snode at 678-871-9610.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend that this person participate in the London Internship: YES/NO

If not, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_