The pioneering THI Australian Internship Program was launched in 2015 to provide recent Greek graduates work and training opportunities through paid internships in Australian companies.

It was a response to the economic crisis in Greece, which has left young people facing unprecedented unemployment.

The THI Australian Internship Program offers six-month internships at a range of Australian companies, where interns will receive on-the-job training, experience and mentorship and develop new skills, mindsets and capabilities.

This unique opportunity for Greek graduates is made possible by the generosity of THI supporters in Australia who have funded the program and helped secure positions in companies across Australia.

There are currently several positions available for Accounting and Finance graduates with an Audit major, who are interested in a career in auditing.

The Hellenic Initiative Australia is working in collaboration with the **Athens University of Economics and Business** to recruit suitable candidates for this program.

How the Program Works

The THI Australian Internship Program operates in accordance with the Training Visa (Subclass 407) and allows for six months for the internship, with the possibility of four weeks to holiday within Australia (subject to approval).

The program covers:

- Return airfares from Greece
- Travel Insurance
- Health insurance
- Visa expenses
- Orientation and monitoring of interns while in Australia
- Accommodation referral (costs to be covered by intern)
- 24-hour emergency support
- Local mentors from within the THI community.

Interns will work full-time and receive a stipend equivalent to a graduate starting salary for relevant industries (between AUD$45,000-$60,000 per annum pro rata). This will be sufficient to cover accommodation and living expenses while in Australia.

Interns must commit to return to Greece at the completion of the program on the date specified in their visa or will be liable to repay the costs of the program. This commitment also reinforces the program's fundamental objectives to build new foundations for the Greek economy.

The Australian Internship program is implemented in partnership with Australian Internships, a leading local internships provider. Australian Internships assists applicants with the application process and monitors interns throughout the internship.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Candidates for the THI Australia's program can only take up an internship in a field directly related to their most recent educational qualification and related work experience. They must be:

- 18-29 years old.

- Greek Residents and passport holders.
- Graduates of Greek and foreign tertiary education institutions.
- Of upper intermediate–advanced skill level in English (equivalent to IELTS 7.0).
- Applicants need to have **12 months of study and/or work experience in their field in the last 24 months at the time of visa submission**. In addition, applications need to justify the need for specific further training.
- The occupation needs to match an ANZSCO code, relating to Eligible Skilled Occupations list.

Application Process

In order to be considered for the Australian positions, applicants must supply the following documentation to assess their eligibility for the program.

Once eligibility has been confirmed, candidate Curriculum Vitae (CVs) will be forwarded to host companies in Australia for consideration. Candidates will need to be available for a telephone or Skype/video interview.

A Training Agreement will be signed between the company, the intern and Australian Internships. This agreement must be lodged with the visa application.

Please note that this program has a stringent and lengthy application process. Visa processing can take 8-12 weeks from lodgment.

Stage 1 – Eligibility Assessment Documentation

To confirm your eligibility for the program, you must submit the following documents:

1. Resume in English (in Word and as per guide).
2. Copy of certificate/s of education.
3. Completion certificates and full academic transcripts of all courses and qualifications (preferably an official translation, but we will accept an accurate neatly-presented translation at this stage)
4. Letter of Objectives in English (in Word and as per guide)
5. Colour copy of passport
6. Reference letter from previous employer (if applicable).

If you are currently studying, or have recently finished studies but not yet received your overall Certificate/Diploma, please provide a letter from your university confirming:

- Status as a student
- Course name
- Start date of course
- Expected graduation date
- Dated and Signed on official Letterhead

Please forward these documents to victoria@thehellenicinitiative.com.au by 15 October 2018.

Please read supporting guides carefully to ensure your application is valid. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Candidates will be notified within 15 business days if they are eligible for the Australian Internship Program.

For further information please contact THI Australian Internship Program Manager Victoria Kyriakopoulos victoria@thehellenicinitiative.com.au or mbacareeroffice@aueb.gr