



VISVA-BHARATI

(A Central University and an Institution of National Importance)

Santiniketan

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME, 2026-2027

Name of the University Internship Providing Organization (UIPO): **Department of Economics & Politics**

Name of the Bhavana: **Vidya-Bhavana**

Online Application Link: <https://forms.gle/ms8AQ1VJiFvugu278> [**Last Date: 04 May 2026**]

1. Title of the Internship Programme: Skills and Research Practices on Growth, Development and Sustainability

2. Nature of the Internship Programme: Skill Based Internship / Research Based Internship [120 Hours - 4 Credits]

3. Internship Mentors/ Supervisors and Themes/ Topics/ Areas: Interns will have to work with a mentor / supervisor who is one of the faculty members of the Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati (to be decided by the department on the basis of disciplines / preference / interests). On a multidisciplinary basis, the said internship programme will cover the following themes/ topics/ areas (but not limited to):

- Agricultural Economics
- Data Analytics for market research
- Economics of Digitalization
- Entrepreneurial Economics
- Political Thought in Modern India
- Foreign Exchange Management
- Gender & labour market outcomes
- Gig Economy
- Globalization & Trade
- Health & Healthcare
- Indian Economic Development
- Informal sector
- Macroeconomics of Developing Countries
- Political Economy
- Issues in Migration
- Poverty, Inequality & Welfare
- Public Policy & Governance
- Rural Management & Development
- Statistical & Econometric Applications in Research
- Tourism Economics
- Urban Studies

4. Description of the Internship Programme: Internships in Research and Development focusing on Growth, Development, and Sustainability bridge theoretical academic knowledge with practical exercises and/or applications. These internships generally fall into two categories: Skill-Based (Enhancing Employability) and Research-Based (Developing Research Aptitude). After successful completion of a minimum 120 hours internship with all requirements including assessments (preparation of internship report/ note book - 2 credits; and presentation / viva-voce or interview of work - 2 credits), interns will be provided with the 4 Credits (120 Hours) internship certificates with score/grade.

5. Objectives:

- **Skill Enhancement:** To identify and refine core technical and soft competencies, ensuring to stay adaptable in a rapidly changing job market.
- **Research Literacy:** To master modern research methodologies, data collection and analysis that drive evidence-based decision-making.
- **Sustainable Practices:** To integrate ethical, environmental, and long-term economic considerations into project workflows and strategies.
- **Professional Growth:** To cultivate a "growth mindset" through mentorship, networking, and exposure to real-world business challenges.
- **Innovation & Problem Solving:** To apply critical thinking to improve existing systems, making them more efficient and sustainable.
- **Knowledge Transfer:** To bridge the gap between emerging academic trends and practical industry application.

6. Duration: Minimum 15 Days for Full Time Basis / Minimum 6 Weeks for Part Time Basis [Equal to a total of minimum 120 Hours; 4 Credits]

7. Mode of Internship Programme: Offline / Virtual / Blended (as preferred by the interns)

8. Minimum Eligibility Criteria: Currently pursuing UG / PG programme in any discipline in any recognized university/ college/ institute

9. Date of Start and Closure: **Full Time:** Any of Continuous 15 Days* within 11 May -14 June, 2026

Part Time: Any of Continuous 6 Weeks* within 11 May - 12 July, 2026

[*to be mutually decided by the individual interns and faculty mentors / supervisors]

10 Total Intake of Interns: 50 (Fifty)

11. Selection Process: Short-listing based on score of the last available result followed by SOP / Selection Test / GD / PI

13. Place of the Internship: Department of Economics & Politics, Vidya-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

14. Logistics to be Provided: NIL (If required, logistical assistance may be provided but all expenses to be paid by the interns)

15. Fees to be Paid: Rs. 1000/- for students of Visva-Bharati; Rs. 2000/- for all other externals

16. Contact Details of the Coordinator: madhabendra.sinha@visva-bharati.ac.in

17. Application Process, Deadline and Other information: Interested students may apply for this internship programme online using the link: <https://forms.gle/ms8AQ1VJiFvugu278> within **04 May 2026**, selection will be made and intimated by **06 May 2026** and selected interns will have to confirm their participation by depositing fees online through SBI collect latest by **11 May 2026**. Students of the Department of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati are NOT eligible for this internship. This internship programme follows guidelines of Visva-Bharati and UGC.

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