“Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can, there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did.” - Sarah Caldwell
Who is CACR?

The Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research (or CACR as we’re mostly known by) is a research centre based within the School of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Established in 2004, CACR responds to the challenges of globalization, migration, and growing cultural diversity through sound theory and research.

We are international experts in cross-cultural research.

Why become an intern?

Becoming an intern at the Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research is a great opportunity to extend your studies, network with other scholars, and have a truly international experience.

What experience do I need?

Students best suited to CACR internships are those who are studying psychology, sociology or statistics.

Basic skills and knowledge in psychology, including basic statistics, and cross-cultural psychology are recommended.

Most of our interns are completing their Bachelor or Masters degrees or have just graduated.

You don’t need to be an expert! All students who have a strong interest in cross-cultural research are encouraged to apply.

“Being an intern with CACR was a great experience - working in an international team with people from all over the world.”

Carolin Konrad, CACR INTERN 2010

Internships are short-term, full-time and unpaid.
What will your internship involve?

**RESEARCH**

Your supervisor will allocate you research work which will depend on your supervisor’s research focus. You will most likely be required to do both qualitative and quantitative research. Often interns work on several projects at once.

Two-hour cross-cultural lab meetings are held weekly during term time. You will be required to attend these meetings while you are here. They provide a great opportunity to learn about other researchers and build your own academic networks.

Attending lectures are not compulsory for interns, however at CACR we recommend you attend a selection of cross-cultural psychology lectures which are given by CACR academics.

Depending on the time of year you visit, CACR is often involved in different events which you may be invited to.

**LAB MEETINGS**

**LECTURES**

**EVENTS**

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**HOW TO BECOME A CACR INTERN**

**Step 1**

CACR SUPERVISOR

Find yourself a CACR Supervisor. Visit the CACR website & decide which CACR Fellow best suits your research interests. Email the Fellow and ask if they are available to supervise you.

**Step 2**

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Download and complete the Internship Application Form. Send the completed Internship Application Form, your short answer questions, and your cv to cacr@vuw.ac.nz.

**Step 3**

INTERNSHIP PLAN

You will receive a copy of your proposed Internship Plan. Check over the Internship Plan and email your agreement to cacr@vuw.ac.nz.

**Step 4**

APPROVAL OF INTERNSHIP

Once the documentation is complete, the CACR Manager will seek approval for your internship from the Head of the School of Psychology.

**Step 5**

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR INTERNSHIP

Once your internship has been approved by the Head of School, you will receive an official letter of offer. Check over the offer, sign the letter, and email back to cacr@vuw.ac.nz. You’re then ready to start!

Approval for your internship can take up to 4 weeks.
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

What will life be like in New Zealand?
Victoria International has a hive of information to share about living in New Zealand. You can find them here: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/

How much money will I need?
The average student needs NZ$400-NZ$450 per week to live in Wellington. This covers your accommodation, food, expenses and entertainment. Bear in mind this figure includes shared accommodation, purchasing food from the supermarket, and minimal paid social activities. You can find out more about costs here: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/planning/costs.aspx.

Will I be able to find part-time work?
You should not depend on finding part-time work during your stay. Even if your visa status allows you to work, you may find it difficult to find temporary work in Wellington.

Where will I live?
You can find more information on accommodation here: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/accommodation/private/index.aspx. Note that as an intern you won’t be eligible to stay in the Hall of Residence university accommodation.

“... My CACR internship was a great opportunity to broaden my own research horizons, as well as my understanding and perspectives on intercultural studies. 

Awang Rozaimie bin Awang Shuib (Jai), CACR INTERN 2012