

Pitt's School of Education: Opportunities for Students



Purpose

Education students have the opportunity to teach a term (many subjects available) in East Africa during the summer months or intern with a school or organization. Students can choose from a variety of schools, subjects and various levels of experiences to get the much needed practice of working in a culturally diverse environment. These experiences will build their cultural competency and pedagogical skill-set and prepare them for their own classroom or career in education.



High School Students in Kinaawa Secondary School

Pitt Partners in East Africa

For the past 10 years Pitt has been working with various schools that ask for interns from time to time, but in 2018 we formalized the process by beginning an introductory seminar in Entebbe and meeting with several new schools who have formally requested Pitt pre-service teachers and policy and development interns during the summer months.

- ★ **Kenya:** Hakima Place, Kakenya's School of Excellence, The Lelei Foundation
- ★ **Uganda:** Noah's Ark, ABC School, Great Kings & Queens School, Muwanguzi High School, Pride College School, Standard Secondary School Kinaawa,

Princess Diana Pre-School, Silver Oonyu (Pitt Alum) Memorial Inclusive Learning Center

How it works

Fall Semester: Meet with African Studies Staff and your faculty advisor

January: Students apply to the program through the African Studies Program

- Students apply for scholarships and work on IRBs if doing research
 - [International Studies Fund](#): Due March 15
 - [Nationality Room Scholarship](#): Due January

February: Students receive acceptance emails and rank top options for placement

Spring: Students begin communication with their school and begin preparations for their time in Uganda

- Students attend the orientations sessions in Posvar

May: Students attend 8 day in-country seminar

May-August: Students live in the country and engage in the culture and customs while teaching or carrying out an internship.

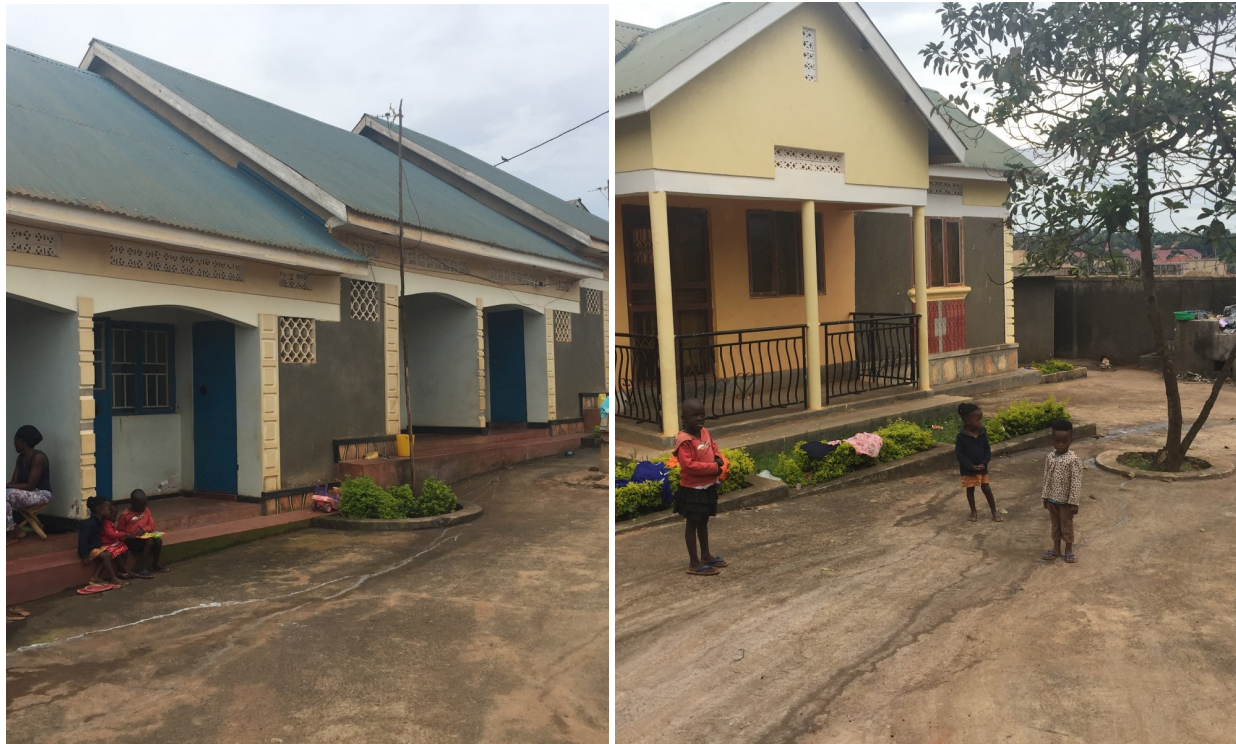
Fall Semester or Summer: Students can take a directed study for academic credit.



Pitt students Visiting Noah's Ark, a school for children with special needs.

Living in Uganda

Where students do their internships will determine where they live. If students are connected with schools in Entebbe they can live at the BKU Bed & Breakfast, but if students have internships in Kampala the schools will provide housing for them. Several of the schools will work together to provide transportation, housing, and security.



Free housing for Pitt students in Kampala

This is the place students will stay if they intern with one of the schools in Kampala. The compound is owned by a female Principal, of one of our partner schools, who lives in the yellow house. There are schools who wish to participate in the program on each side of this compound. Students would share a room and their meals would be provided. Rooms do not have access to a western kitchen but there is a bathroom in each room. The schools will hire a cook to cook meals. There are local families living on the compound as well. The experience of living in a communal space will help our students develop strong cross cultural communication skills and will give them opportunities to make new friends.

Living in Uganda Continued

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All progress takes place outside the comfort zone

Michael John Bogak

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This is double room with it's own bathroom located on the compound in Kampala

Schools & Internships

Here are just a few examples of the needs and opportunities that our partner [schools](#) have identified. The schools that we have included in this booklet have also agreed to pay for student housing and food. The schools were also excited to announce an unlimited supply of fruit to all who intern with them!

Teaching Possibilities:

Mathematics	Agriculture	History
English Language	Geography	Kiswahili
Biology	Fine Arts	commerce
Economics	Chemistry	Computer
General Paper (research paper)	Physics	Music
Computers	Luganda	
	Islam	
Christian Religion		

Internship Possibilities

Solarization Project for Schools	Boy's & Girl's Empowerment Programs
Multimedia work	Special Education Projects
Music	PR
Band	Non-profit development
Tutoring	

All We Are (Internship opportunity)

All We Are focuses on helping communities in East Africa improve education sustainably. Their programs have provided school uniforms, clean water, feminine hygiene education, solar power, and soccer gear in support of their mission. Students can pick from several different projects and intern with this organization.

<https://allweare.org/projects/>



Men and women installing solar power panels on top of a school building to give electricity to this school.

Pride College School

Pride College is located about an hour outside of Kampala in a rural area. The school had the top scorer in the nation last year. The headmaster built this school from nothing but a vision and the school continues to grow. There are numerous opportunities to teach and intern at this school. Students who stay at this school will live with fellow Ugandan teachers in the teacher quarters.



One of the views from this enormous school: Chemistry classroom (Equipment in storage) Pride college has almost 2000 students!

ABC School

ABC School in Kampala was formed in 1993 and has 643 students. It is among the best performers in the region. **They are strong in music and band.** The principal dreams of having the best school in Uganda that would accommodate up to 5000 learners and be strong in Mathematics and English.



Standard Secondary School Kinaawa

Kinaawa located in Kampala is 7 years old and has 253 students, with 191 of them boarding at the school. Even though they have average test scores they are strong academically and discipline wise in the community. They have strong infrastructure in modern science and computer laboratories. They have a motivated and qualified staff and accept learners and employees from all different religious backgrounds. They are also pro-parent and give rooms to low income students so that they can access education. They pride themselves on being non-discriminatory.



Students lined up before going into class

Smart Royals Pre-Primary School (Pre-School)

This school is 3 years old and has 104 pupils. They play lots of games with the children and they are all promoted each year. Students work on Art, Social Studies, and English. Fees are less than neighboring schools. Orphans and the poor receive a free education. They desire interns who can help in teaching and developing their physical infrastructure.



Students studying in this pre-school

Contact the **African Studies Office** if you have questions or are interested in interning next summer! (Opportunities to intern fall and spring semesters too!)

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Learn about the field based research seminar that begins in Uganda before your internship next.