

Bordeaux Internship Programme 2023



Altaya Group (AGIL) is excited to announce the resumption of its signature Bordeaux internship programme after three years of epidemic. The purpose of the programme is to provide students in Hong Kong an overseas opportunity to receive wine-related education and training. We encourage students from all fields to apply but those from food & beverage, hospitality or tourism programmes will be given priority. In 2019, we sent students to 7 vineyards including Château Angelus, Château Figeac, Château Haut-Bailly, Château La Conseillante, Château Latour, Château Montrose and Domaine de Chevalier.

The wine industry of Hong Kong has undergone rapid growth after the government abandoned all taxes on wine and made Hong Kong Asia's wine trading hub. To develop our industry further, we need to nurture more talents and attract young people to join the industry. This internship programme seeks to strengthen their knowledge of the trade as well as the understanding of French culture through training in world-renowned vineyards.



In 2001, Mr. Paulo Pong set up AGIL and started bringing fine wines to Hong Kong from different corners of the world. AGIL's services now range from wine list selection, import and export, wine investment, vineyard management, winery acquisition to retail and online shops. Wine is the lifelong passion for Paulo and the team and the pursuit of unforgettable gastronomic experience is the driver that pushes him and AGIL to bring the best wines and greatest winemakers across the globe to Hong Kong.

The programme serves as a 4-6 weeks-long internship opportunity, covering:

- (a) One-week visits and trainings activities in Bordeaux
- (b) Two/Three-week internship at famous Bordeaux chateaux during harvest
- (c) One/Two-week training as professional wine dealer in AGIL's office and shops in Hong Kong



Requirements:

1. A permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
2. Fluency in speaking English is highly preferred
3. Nomination from current universities/education institutes
4. Currently admitted to Hong Kong universities/education institutes undergraduate or postgraduate programmes from the following:

- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology;
- The Education University of Hong Kong;
- Hong Kong Metropolitan University;
- City University of Hong Kong;
- Hong Kong Baptist University;
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University;
- Hong Kong Shue Yan University;
- Lingnan University;
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong;
- The University of Hong Kong
- Chu Hai College of Higher Education; and
- Vocational Training Council.



Internship Period: August/September 2023* (Four weeks)

**Date of travel will be confirmed in beginning of August 2023, subject to the harvest period in Bordeaux, France.*

Selection Timeline:

1. Submission of application: from Now to 14 June 2023
2. Interview: 19-30 June 2023
3. Result Announcement: Before 12 July 2023

Briefing Session:

Successful candidates are required to attend a briefing session in which itinerary and content of the programme will be provided. The session will be held in mid of July 2023.

Application Method:

To apply, applicants should submit the application form and the documents required via email at bordeauxinternship@altayagroup.com. Applicants can submit the hyperlink of Google Drive or Dropbox if the file size is big.

Your application should include the following:

1. Completed application form,
2. A passport photo (in e-format),
3. A 2 mins self-introduction video (in English, including the reason for joining this programme; your experience in wine; and how could this experience benefit you in the future).



Note:

1. The programme is open to full-time students who are aged between 18 to 30 and should be holder of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, currently admitted to Hong Kong universities/education institutes; and to be nominated by their home university/ education institute.
2. Improper submission or incomplete application will NOT be considered.
3. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. All submissions and related materials will not be returned.
4. Shortlisted candidates shall attend an interview.
5. Applicants must hold a valid HKSAR passport with an expiry date at least 6 months after completion of the programme. The original copy of the HKSAR passport must be presented for verification at the interview.
6. Successful candidates will be required to provide a copy of the valid HKSAR passport for travel arrangement.
7. ***Selected candidates shall sign an internship contract in French (Convention de Stage) and countersigned by his/her home university/education institute and the chateau in Bordeaux according to the french regulations.***
8. Successful candidates shall ensure that they have good health and physical ability to accommodate the harvest work. AGIL reserves the right to ask the participants to provide proof of good health before departure.
9. Successful candidates are honor-bound to commit to the programme once they accept the offer. They also must complete the whole internship programme.
10. AGIL is granted the copyrights of all materials submitted to use, reproduce and publish for educational and non-profit making purposes.
11. Participants should respect the decision of the judging panel and raise no objection to the judging panel's decision.
12. AGIL reserves the right to alter the details of the internship programme. Should there be any disputes, the decision of AGIL should be final.

Fee and Deposit:

1. The Internship is unpaid but sponsored by the organizer.
2. The air tickets (Hong Kong-Bordeaux-Hong Kong), accommodation in Bordeaux, basic travel insurance and exchange fee of each successful candidate will be sponsored by the organizer and programme sponsors.
3. Successful candidates are required to pay a refundable programme fee deposit of HK\$2,000 via cheque and made payable to “Altaya Wines Limited”. A full refund of the deposit will be made upon completion of the programme, attendance to post-tour activities and submission of programme report. Deposit will not be refunded to candidates who withdraw before completion of the programme.

Activity Report and Sharing Session:

Participants of the Internship are required to submit the activity report within a month after he/she returns to Hong Kong. The submission should include:

1. Written feedback (100-200 words in English).
2. More than 10 pcs of photos taken during the stay in Bordeaux, France. The size of each photo must not be smaller than 1MB.
3. Successful candidates will be invited to join a sharing session after returning to Hong Kong.

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