



## **FISHER GLOBAL CONSULTING: START-UP SAGE CORPS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR BARCELONA**

Imagine spending two weeks in Barcelona, one of Europe's most dynamic cities, while building real-world consulting experience. Sage Corps Start!, a startup consulting program places you on a project with innovative startups in a thriving hub of entrepreneurship and creativity. You'll gain practical, hands-on business experience that sharpens the skills employers value most and develop a global perspective that will help you stand out in future internships and job interviews.

Beyond the professional opportunities, Barcelona itself is a highlight. The city blends history, culture, and modern energy, offering endless opportunities to explore. May is one of the best times to visit, with warm, sunny weather and fewer crowds, making it ideal for enjoying the beaches, parks, and outdoor cafés. The city also comes alive with festivals and cultural events throughout the month, giving you the chance to experience vibrant traditions while soaking in Barcelona's unique atmosphere.

### **STARTUP PROJECTS**

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In Barcelona, Sage Corps students typically work with early-stage startups and small businesses. These companies are dynamic, entrepreneurial, and eager for your insight, giving you the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution in a short amount of time. Projects often span industries such as technology and software, digital marketing and communications, and social impact initiatives.

Every startup has unique needs, so project scopes can vary. However, some typical deliverables include:

- Market research reports and competitor analyses
- Marketing campaigns and social media strategy documents
- Pitch decks, financial models, or investor materials
- Data collection, visualization, or process improvement recommendations

By the end of the two weeks, you will have contributed a tangible deliverable that your company can use moving forward, while also strengthening your skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and cross-cultural communication.



## TYPICAL WORKWEEK

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You will be working on your projects with your team about 40 hours per week. This includes three meetings throughout the program with your project supervisor. You will have one initial meeting, one check-in meeting and then your final presentations. You will be working on your project in a co-working space.

For your commute time to your three meetings, the times can vary depending on where your company is located, but most students can expect a range of 30–60 minutes each way. Barcelona has an excellent and accessible public transportation system, including metro (subway), buses, trams, and regional trains. You will only need to do this commute for three days out of your two-week program.

## HOUSING OVERVIEW

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During the program, students will stay at an apart-hotel property in a shared room. Housing assignments follow a gender-separated policy.

All students are guaranteed basic amenities, including an attached bathroom and towels and linens.

The housing will be centrally located and you will have easy access to public transportation.





## COST ESTIMATES

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Barcelona is known for being a student-friendly and relatively affordable European city, especially compared to other major destinations like Paris or London. Students can enjoy inexpensive tapas and local markets, and many free or low-cost cultural attractions such as exploring Gaudí's architecture or spending time at the beach. The city's mix of vibrant culture, walkable neighborhoods, and budget-friendly options makes it an accessible and exciting place to experience! A public transportation card will be included as a part of the program.

- Meal (casual): €6–10
- Sit-down meal (mid-range): €15–25 per person
- Menu del Día: A set three-course lunch, usually priced between €12–18, though in central areas it can be higher
- Laundry (wash + dry): €5 for a washer and €5 for a dry



## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

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What happens after being accepted into the program?

- After you are accepted by Fisher, you will meet with your Program Manager at Sage Corps. We will be your main point of contact moving forward. We will give you access to a platform with courses for you to upskill and prepare for your upcoming project and where you will also find:
  - Housing information
  - Information on how to book your flights (and recommendations to arrive within the airport transfer window)
  - Immigration requirements
  - Information on Berlin, public transport, accessing funds, phone plans, packing lists, etc.
  - Emergency contact details
  - Traveling with medication
  - Health & Safety forms
- After you are assigned your team and project, you will have one meeting with your Startup project supervisor to gain a general overview of the project scope.
- We will also host a pre-departure session prior to your arrival in Berlin where we will go into more details about what to pack, what to do when you land at the airport, etc. and where you can meet other students on the program!