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**DISCOVERY'S FIRST GLOBAL INTERN IS ANNOUNCED...
KIWI *BEN MIKHA* IS HEADING OFF ON THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!**

After ten weeks, ten thousand entries and almost a million votes cast, Discovery has found its first global intern: 25-year-old **Ben Mikha** from New Zealand!

Mikha has just scored himself the ultimate internship. As the inaugural **Discovery Intern** he'll shortly be jetting off to travel the globe for free, documenting his adventures for Discovery Channel's social media channels and soon-to-be launched blog, *Heaps of Stuff*.

Hailing from Auckland, Mikha is a self-taught photographer/videographer whose passion for travel and experiencing different cultures was ignited by a trip to India a few years ago. Consumed by wanderlust, he pursued a job as a flight attendant just so he could get himself to more countries around the world.

Mikha's internship will see him creating content in **Singapore, London, Iceland, New York** and **Italy**, and he'll also visit some of Discovery's overseas headquarters during his journey.

The calibre of entries from Aussies and Kiwis was overwhelmingly strong and uncovered a wealth of untapped talent. It was no easy feat for the Discovery judges choosing a winner from the Top 5. Rounding out the final five with Mikha was *Jessica Whalen* (Australia), *Sam Deuchrass* (New Zealand), *Talman Madsen* (New Zealand) and *Corban Tupou* (New Zealand). However, it won't necessarily be the last we see of the four runners up – Discovery will be offering each of these talented photographers and content makers the opportunity to contribute to *Heaps of Stuff*.

The **Discovery Intern** competition required entrants to submit photographs, videos and blog entries from their travels or somewhere closer to home that captured their sense of adventure, talent and creativity. After the Top 50 were announced, it was up to the public to determine the Top 5 by voting. Mikha's submissions stood out from the start and he was definitely a fan favourite.

When it comes to uncovering stories about the unique and diverse world we live in, Discovery is a trailblazer. At its core, the company is dedicated to satisfying curiosity and as the **Discovery Intern**, Mikha will put this into action. You can view his entries at discoverychannel.com.au.

Discovery is proud to welcome Ben Mikha to the family!

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