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A German-American internship exchange in cooperation with the US Consulate General Frankfurt and the Hessen State Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts (Germany)



The Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft e.V.



The Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft e.V. (SSG), Germany's oldest German-American friendship organization, has been dedicated to promoting cultural understanding between the peoples of Germany and the United States for nearly 60 years.

In 1999, the SSG established the **USA-Interns** program, an internship exchange program that provides German and American university students with the opportunity to work and live abroad. Our program allows our participants to gain first-hand insights into the culture, history, work environment and daily life of the guest country.

The Participants

The German students interning in the USA come from all disciplines and:

- have successfully passed their intermediate exams (Bachelor degree equivalent) with good marks,
- are working towards their post-graduate degree,
- speak good English, and
- have successfully completed at least one field related internship, thus ensuring that you receive an academically and professionally qualified co-worker.

Beyond past academic and professional achievements, the students embody the aims of our program and will capably serve as ambassadors promoting relations between Germany and the USA both during their internship and upon their return.

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The Internships

There is a great demand for internships in the USA ranging across all sectors including business, international relations, engineering, media/ PR, administration, etc. in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors.

The internships typically:

- have a duration of 2 – 3 months (sometimes 6)
- take place during the summer holidays
- allow the student to experience the everyday work involved in that particular field and to put theory into practice while learning new methods and practical approaches to real work-related challenges.

Our program also emphasizes that the student should gain insight into how individuals communicate and work with one another in a different country.

I want to convey our praise for not only the USA-Interns Program but more importantly for the wonderfully talented students who have worked for us over the past several years.

-- Barry White, Vice President of Enterprise IT Solutions
L-3 Titan Group, USA

The Role of Participating Companies

Our interns are independent and self-sufficient individuals, who have proven themselves able to tackle the challenges of living overseas on their own.

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As the host of one of our interns, your responsibility is to organize the internship and learning experience within your company/ institution. A mentor should assist the student when they have questions and advise them during their stay to guarantee the best learning environment possible.

Because the costs surrounding an internship in the USA are considerable for the student, any financial assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

The students are responsible for organizing the logistics of their stay including the flight, arrival, housing, and matters surrounding every day life. Any information you can provide on finding housing, i.e. through company accommodations or a list of tips on finding housing in the area, is warmly welcomed.

The Placement Procedure

The USA-Interns coordinator collects the applications and conducts a preliminary selection following an intensive interview process in Frankfurt. Selected applications are then forwarded to you based upon the profile that you provided to us, thus ensuring that the applicants you receive match your company's needs.

Each company is free to interview the applicants personally via telephone and to choose the individual who best suits their needs.

Upon selecting a candidate, an offer is sent to the student. Once the offer is accepted, the student begins the application process for a J1 visa.

The USA-Interns coordination office is there to provide any assistance that you might need during the entire process.

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