



This year's group of students at the Welcoming Ceremony for the US-German Internship Program in Frankfurt/M.

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# US Students Welcomed to Internship Program

For the seventh year in a row, AmCham Germany welcomed another eager group of US college students at the Opening Ceremony of the US-German Internship Program, held at the headquarters of FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH in Frankfurt/M on May 12. Roughly 25 students, who come from various universities in the southeastern US, flew over to gain work and life experience through their summer internships at the 16 participating German member companies.



Students got to know one another before starting their internships at companies across Germany.



At the Opening Ceremony, the students took the opportunity to ask questions about their host country.

The Opening Ceremony was held to welcome the students and give them the opportunity to meet their host companies, whom they are working with during the three-month program. Following a welcoming address from the host – Eric Menges, President and CEO of FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH – the interns heard speeches from AmCham Germany General Manager Andreas Povel; Dr. Christoph Rückel, Of Counsel to BridgehouseLaw LLP and Senior Partner at Rückel & Collegen; and Stacie Z. Bishop, Political/Economic Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Frankfurt/M.

Many companies have been accepting interns from the US-German Internship Program for several years. Bondina Schulze of UPS Deutschland expressed her company's expectations that "there will be a two-way learning street between the student and the company, and we hope to be able to learn from the different perspective that the student has." Franziska Baist of Fresenius said that her company "participates in the US-German Internship Program in order to gain contact to international students. We are interested in giving young people a chance to get to know Fresenius and also Germany."

The US-German Internship Program aims to cultivate a positive view of Germany among future US leaders and prepares program participants to serve as ambassadors of the German-American friendship. Established in 2009 with BridgehouseLaw LLP, the highly successful program has had more than 150 participants and continues to grow steadily under the patronage

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AmCham Germany, in collaboration with Rückel, is in charge of selecting host companies and participants as well as arranging travel preparations to Germany – from finding accommodations, acquiring work permits and organizing an interim meeting in Berlin. ■

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