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WORLD OF WORK: Internships



International Studies students can participate in a wide variety of internships. An internship experience is an important credential that links you to real jobs and agencies. Majors of Junior or Senior rank with a minimum 3.00 GPA are eligible to apply for IS internship credit. Internships in the Columbus area run during Spring, Summer and Autumn semesters. The department announces these local internships in listserv messages on a regular basis.

IS students successfully compete with the national pool of candidates seeking internships with the federal government and national level agencies. We encourage you to learn about these internship opportunities during your Freshman and Sophomore years, as the lead times between application deadlines and the start of work can often be quite long (as much as six months to a year).

Also, there are several internship providers that are linked to international opportunities. Visit the Inter-

national Studies office in 33 Townshend Hall where we have brochures that list some of these agencies.

Some students find internships on their own. In this case, we review their request to receive internship credit. Many are approved, and we support this “entrepreneurial” approach!

Here are several agencies where our students have interned over the last three years:

International Agencies

Project Amazonas (Peru), EcoPeace (Jordan), U.S. Department of State (Berlin)

National and State Agencies

Department of Homeland Security (Washington, DC), Office of Senator Rob Portman, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); National Security Agency (NSA), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, U.S. Commercial Service

(Minnesota), Rehoboth Delaware Police Department, U.S. Army Intelligence Center, Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy

Local Agencies

Campus internships include: Middle East Studies Center, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Office of International Affairs, Center for Latin American Studies, OSU Police Department. Internships in the Columbus metropolitan area include: Columbus Council on World Affairs, Columbus International Program, UsTogether, Atlas Advisors, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Columbus Office of Senator Sherrod Brown, Economic Community Development Institute, U.S. Postal Service (Inspection Unit), Signature Worldwide, United Nations Association Columbus Chapter, Columbus Police Department, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association

Education Abroad is another great place to find International Internships. Check out their website at: <https://educationabroad.osu.edu/>

A Few Internship Highlights

Haley Bogomolny
Columbus International Program



The constant support of my supervisor and coworkers along with the opportunity to take on new and difficult challenges in a professional workplace has helped me become someone who feels ready for graduate school and for work, and someone who is confident in her career goals. My internship at CIP well exceeded my expectations, and I recommend it to anyone else who is looking to make the most of their OSU education. Having a Columbus internship experience is definitely a special part of being an OSU student. Each year at OSU brought with it more excitement and opportunities, from entering the International Relations and Diplomacy major freshman year to working with Ethiopian refugees sophomore year to spending a semester in China junior year. My experience at CIP has shaped my senior year and helped prepare me for what is to come. Next, I plan to apply to graduate school programs for International Relations and Chinese, and hope to eventually work at the National Security Agency as a language analyst.

Bethany Dixon
UsTogether



The benefits that I gained from this internship were that I learned about what happens when immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers come to America. Us Together is engaged in the process of finding them a place to live, getting them enrolled in classes for citizenship, naturalization and speaking English, helping them find jobs, and helping them solve all manner of issues they might encounter while they are here. I found the experience to be very interesting and rewarding as it was heavily focused on social work, with the interaction between client and case manager observed and engaged in very deeply. I gained benefits in the design field as this was my first experience with working with a client (with one of the managers) and designing a marketing board and flyers. The internship taught me that it's all about what the client wants and needs in the design. I gained relations and connections with several of the employers and employees. I hope to maintain these connections over the years, and that they will help me further myself as an individual and in my career.

Marcos Santiago
Department of Homeland Security



Washington D.C. is a city where only a handful of people who work there are from the city. During my internship I networked with interns working across the Federal government such the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Department of State. More importantly I also developed relationships with DHS employees outside of the workplace. I learned that networking is very important to thrive in Washington D.C. In my early days of networking I felt outmatched by the talented pool of individuals from George Washington University and Georgetown University. A large group of these kids carried themselves with great pride, had advantageous backgrounds and appeared perfect in the ways they communicated. However there was one aspect the interns from these schools did not have, and that was the ability to communicate or relate to the masses. A positive implication of my experience at Ohio State and the internship was my ability to relate to people of all backgrounds. This is thanks to the diverse student population here in Columbus. The workforce of the Federal Government is similarly diverse.