

# Intern USA Participant Requirements

Our participants must have found their own positions at an approved U.S. company. Our program provides interns opportunities to gain international experience in the U.S. during a predefined period of time, which will help advance their careers in their home countries.

#### Did you graduate more than 12 months ago?

Please see our Trainee program requirements.

#### Internships are open to:

- Students currently enrolled full-time in a degree or professional certificate program in a college, university, or other post-secondary academic institution outside the U.S.
- Individuals who have graduated from these institutions within 12 months of the internship start date
- Internships must be directly related to the intern's academic field of study
- Interns must have finished at least one year of their degree program and have completed sufficient academic coursework in their academic field before their program start date in order to be sufficiently prepared for their U.S. internship

### All program participants must also:

- Understand that the purpose of this program is not to serve as a work program but a cultural exchange opportunity for Interns and the employees of the host companies.
- Complete an internship or training program with an <u>eligible host employer</u>.
- Complete and submit a full application, including full payment of program fees and all required supporting documents
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be involved in an internship related to their studies.
- Be interviewed in-person, over the phone or via web camera by the IACCSE partner representative.
- Have verifiable English language skills and possess comprehension of English terminology of their field.
- Be covered by sufficient <u>accident & sickness insurance</u> throughout their time in the USA. Insurance is included in the program fee and may not be declined.



- Be able to prove access to <u>sufficient funds</u> to support themselves during their time in the USA (including housing and living costs).
- Be involved in an internship or training program in a field that IACCSE partner is designated to sponsor, including the following: architecture, arts & culture, business, commerce & finance, engineering, hospitality & tourism, information media & communications, management, marketing & sales, public administration & law, the sciences and industrial occupations
- Be applying for the J-1 Visa from outside the United States.
- Not have recently completed a degree and/or optional practical training within the USA
- Similarly, if candidates are currently in the U.S. or have recently spent significant time in the U.S. on a visa or tourist waiver, they may not be eligible to apply at this time. Candidates should contact the IACCSE to discuss their specific circumstances before applying.
- Show that, if completing additional J-1 Intern/<u>Trainee</u> programs, they are learning new or more advanced skills in their new program than those learned in the prior J-1 Intern/<u>Trainee</u> program. In most cases, we are not able to approve applicants wishing to return to the same host employer at which they completed a previous program. Candidates should contact us to discuss further if this applies.

# Estimated visa processing time

3 weeks application review time + 5 weeks approval time by the U.S. Consulate

## **Program Purpose**

The primary objectives of the IACCSE programs are to enhance the skills and expertise of exchange visitors in their academic or occupational fields through structured and guided programs that improve participants' knowledge of American techniques, methodologies, and technology. Participation in our Career Training programs must not be used as a substitute for ordinary employment or work purposes nor may it be used to displace American workers. Internship programs are work-based learning opportunities in an intern's or recent graduate's academic field that enable the intern to develop practical skills that will enhance his or her future career and bridge the gap between formal education and practical work experience.

The program increases international participants' understanding of American culture, while also enhancing Americans' knowledge of foreign cultures, customs and practices. Through this program, the U.S. Government builds partnerships, promotes mutual understanding, and develops relationships and extended networks that will last through generations as participants move into leadership roles in a broad range of occupational fields in their home countries.

For information, please, send an email to <u>info@iacc-miami.com</u> with the company's details and the candidate's resume.