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Council for Educational Travel, USA

Testimonials



“I would like to share my impressions about J-1 visa training program that I am participating in.

My visa paperwork was done so quickly I didn't even realize and was already sitting on the plane to San Diego. I am very grateful for the opportunity. It's a unique chance for young professionals as me. I am learning so much every day and can definitely say that this is a life changing experience for me. I have acquired new knowledge in a human resource area and spread my know-how. Since I have been here my English improved, now I need to work out on my American accent and get the American confidence I admire so much. I love the American mentality and people here. It's nice to see people enjoying their life. I believe to participate on training or internship program is the opportunity you should not miss. I am enjoying my program a lot.”

Natalia, Slovakia
Recruitment Trainee
Global Exchange
Organization

“I am enjoying my training program a lot. I really like America, and its friendly, smiling people. My host company is very big; there are people from different countries and everybody helps each other. This on-the-job training helped me feel more confident with any kind of work that I do. My English improved, and I learned different ways to resolve problems. When I go home to Spain, I will tell my friends what a great experience this was in my life. I am certain that after my training in the U.S., I will have more job opportunities back home. This is the kind of experience that I was looking for.”



Cristina, Spain
Accounting Trainee
Logistics Company

J-1 Visa Trainee and Internship Programs



Reaching out to encourage a lifelong journey of global peace and understanding...

Non-profit Council for Educational Travel, U.S.A. (CETUSA) is a member of the CET Management Group.

Since 1995 we have helped tens of thousands of students, families, young professionals and employers benefit from the integration of different cultures. CETUSA partners with companies and academic institutions in more than 50 countries. These programs improve mutual understanding and communication between people in the United States and other nations.



CETUSA IS A DESIGNATED SPONSOR OF THE J-1 TRAINEE AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

The J-1 Exchange Visitor Program was established in 1961 as a result of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act. The purpose is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through educational and cultural exchanges.

The J-1 Trainee and Internship Programs provide international participants with opportunities for professional development, insight into American know-how in the field of training, and a greater understanding of American society and culture.

Who fits J-1 Visa Trainee and J-1 Visa Intern categories?

- A J-1 Visa Trainee is an international applicant with a degree from an overseas university and at least one year of related work experience acquired outside the U.S., or a minimum of 5 years of international career experience.
- A J-1 Visa Intern is an international applicant who is currently a student at an overseas university, or a recent graduate (less than 12 months from program start date), and who intends to enter the U.S. to participate in a work-based internship program related to his/her academic field.

Program Support Services

- CETUSA offers career assessment to its program applicants, assists with resume revisions, and customizes training objectives to better suit the program emphasis based on individual career choices.
- CETUSA has local program managers for on-site assistance.
- CETUSA obtains Sickness and Accident Insurance coverage for each program participant in accordance with U.S. government requirements.
- CETUSA provides assistance with securing housing prior to arrival.
- CETUSA offers arrival orientation that helps participants understand local laws, customs and culture.
- CETUSA staff monitors the training from start to finish through periodic correspondence, site visits, and progress evaluations.
- CETUSA provides a toll-free, 24-hour program assistance hotline.

Self-Placement Program – suggested for applicants with secured trainee/intern placements in the U.S. A completed training/ internship placement plan Form DS-7002 must be submitted along with other application documents.

CETUSA Placement Program – application format with a pre-approved CETUSA host company. Available positions are listed on our website www.cetusa.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can trainees and interns receive compensation?

All trainees and interns are able to receive a stipend amount determined by the U.S. host company.

Are program participants eligible to receive a Social Security number?

Yes. All program participants are eligible for the Social Security number assignment and are instructed to apply shortly after their arrival to the U.S.

Are there any special tax exemptions related to J-1 visa workers?

Yes, all J-1 visa participants are exempt from Medicare, Social Security, and Unemployment tax contributions.

How long does it take for the individual we choose to get here?

After candidate has been selected, it generally takes 3 – 4 weeks to process his or her application.

What is the maximum program duration?

Interns can stay up to 12 months and trainees can stay up to 18 months.

Are there any restrictions in Hospitality/Tourism categories?

Yes, programs in Hospitality/Tourism categories are limited to 12 months.

Can intern/trainee get another job?

No. This is a limited on-the-job training program; the participants are restricted to training only at the host organization's site. Unauthorized employment will result in immediate program termination.

How many hours do they work per week?

Both trainees and interns should receive a minimum of 32 hours per week of on-the-job training. An average program consists of a 40-hour work week.