



U.S. - Mexico Intern Program

On March 16, 2015, the United States and Mexican governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the U.S. - Mexico Intern Program. The Mexico Intern Program allows citizens from Mexico who are current university students, or who have graduated from university within the past 12 months, to participate in a structured, work-based career advancement internship offered by a host company in the United States. This program offers opportunities for professional development, insight into U.S. business practices and a greater understanding of American society, culture and life. The U.S. - Mexico Intern Program is a cultural exchange program which intent is to build greater friendship and understanding between people in the U.S. and Mexico. While internships may offer a stipend and are work-based, they are not “work” programs. The primary purpose is diplomatic and educational.

Internships are offered in the following occupational categories:

- Management, Business, Commerce, and Finance
- Public Administration and Law
- Information Media and Communications
- The Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, and Industrial occupations

Intern qualifications:

J-1 visa U.S. – Mexico Intern must be a Mexican national: (1) Who is currently enrolled in and pursuing studies at a foreign degree, or certificate-granting post-secondary academic institution outside the United States, or (2) Who has graduated from such an institution no more than 12 months prior to his or her exchange visitor program start date.

Program Services

- Global Mexico provides initial screening, document gathering, English testing, initial orientation, receives and processes international payments, mediates between prospect and US Partner. Follow up on return to Mexico.
- US Partner provides program sponsorship for the J-1 visa U.S.– Mexico Intern Program and issues a Form DS-2019 for sponsored program applicants.
- US Partner ensures that internship exposes participants to American methodologies, business practices and professional knowledge.
- US Partner pre-screens host companies and ensures that every sponsored internship program is in compliance with the U.S. State Department regulations and guidelines.
- US Partner staff monitors each program from start to finish through periodic correspondence, site visits, and progress evaluations.
- US Partner provides comprehensive sickness and accident insurance coverage in accordance with State Department's policy provisions.
- US Partner assists participants in locating suitable housing.
- US Partner offers arrival orientation guidance that helps participants understand local laws, customs and culture.
- US Partner provides a 24-hour, toll-free program assistance hotline.

PROGRAM FACTS

Application term: year-round

Duration of Internship program: 1 to 12 months

Sickness and accident insurance: required

Housing assistance: provided

Compensation: stipend negotiable between the host company and the applicant

Weekly on-the-job training hours: 32 hours required minimum

Unskilled work: strictly prohibited

Employment outside program (second job): strictly prohibited

Change of host companies: uncommon, considered on case-by-case basis

Not permitted for sponsorship: unskilled or casual labor positions, child care, elder care, clinical/patient care, positions that provide therapy or medication, sports or physical therapy, psychological counseling, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, social work, speech therapy, early childhood education, positions provided by or facilitated through staffing or employment agencies.

Placements

Self Placement Program – suggested for applicants with confirmed internship placements. A completed Training/ Internship Placement Plan Form DS-7002 must be submitted along with other application documents.

Self Placement Program	SPONSORSHIP FEE* (excluding medical insurance or SEVIS)
1 to 12 months Internship	\$ 1,650

Medical Insurance - \$ 75 per month ~ SEVIS - \$220~ Cancellation \$1,000 Visa Denial - \$500 ~ Program Extension or Company Transfers - \$795

US Partner Placement Program – program candidates send resumes for placement consideration in a current position at a pre-approved host company, subject to matching J-1 Intern program eligibility requirements. After placement is confirmed by the U.S. host company upon completion of a video conferencing interview, a program candidate is offered a letter of acceptance and proceeds with completing the application for J-1 visa sponsorship. US Partner facilitates placement programs with reputable U.S. businesses that have hosted participants in the past, or wish to host international career development programs.

Full Placement Program	SPONSORSHIP FEE* (excluding medical insurance or SEVIS)
1-6 months Internship	\$2,525
7-12 months Internship	\$3,185

Medical Insurance - \$75 per month ~ SEVIS - \$220 ~ Cancellation/Visa Denial - \$1,250 ~ Program Extension or Company Transfers - \$795

***Sponsorship fees and Additional Services and Fees, valid if you enroll before December 15, 2021**

Additional Services and Fees:

* Application & Processing fee \$4,000 M.N. (non refundable)

- J-2 Dependant Application – \$700, plus insurance coverage at \$85/month for each dependent • Training Plan (DS-7002) Assistance – \$250
- Priority Application Processing – \$400 (within 6 working days)
- Additional Insurance (pre and post program) – \$85/month
- Site Visit Fee – \$450
- Form DS-2019 Re-Issue Fee - \$250

- Adjustment of program dates after Form DS-2019 issuance is subject to \$250 re-issue fee.
- Replacement of Lost/Stolen/Damaged DS-2019 is subject to \$250 re-issue fee.

Cancellation / Visa Denial

Applicants who cancel their program or who are denied a visa are eligible to receive a PARTIAL refund of their program and insurance fees. In the event of visa denial, GLOBAL must be notified in writing no more than 3 business days after the visa denial and the original DS-2019 Form and DS-7002 (Training Plan) must be DELIVERED back to the GLOBAL office by SPECIAL COURIER, no more than 10 days after the denial. A cancellation/visa denial fee of \$1,250 will apply. Please note, there is no refund of the SEVIS fee (\$220).



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*Program fees are subject to change to offset changes in the U.S. Department of State Regulations and/or insurance premiums.