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Photo: Łukasz Kamiński, Chancellery of the President of Poland

This unique and prestigious initiative was reflected in an official Joint Statement of the U. S. and Polish Presidents following their meeting in the White House, December 2010: *President Obama and President Komorowski applauded the partnership between the Polish-American Freedom Foundation and leading U.S. companies to bring Polish university students and young professionals to the United States for internships in the private sector.*

The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, December 8, 2010

The Polish-American Internship Initiative is a prestigious program connecting the leading American companies with outstanding Polish university students for summer internships in the United States.

The initiative was launched in 2010 by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation (PAFF) in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Poland. The program's operational activities are carried out by the Educational Enterprise Foundation together with American companies providing internships. The program is supported by the Trade & Investment Section of the Embassy of Poland in Washington, D.C. as well as the American Chamber of Commerce in Poland.

The U.S. companies participating in PAII invite one or more Polish interns for a period of 2-3 months between June and October. PAFF and its partners recruit and pre-select the intern candidates. The final choice rests with the hosting company.

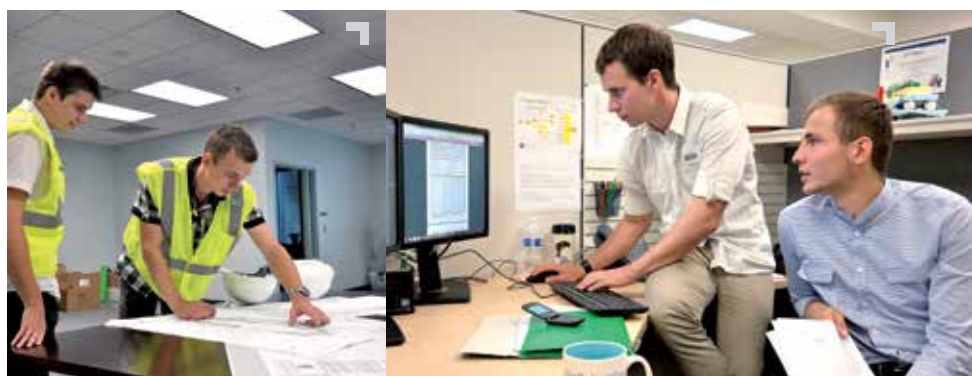
PAFF covers the costs of the recruitment process, program's administration, interns' travel to the hosting company's U.S. location (if the company does not cover it), insurance, visa fees, and assists in the visa application process. The hosting company provides the interns with a stipend (adequate to cover at least the cost of accommodation and board) as well as with mentors for professional development during the internship.

The internships are available to students enrolled full-time at Polish universities, in their second year or above, with fluent command of English, achieving the highest academic results and who have already shown outstanding abilities and commitment. The internship offer is particularly addressed to the scholarship holders of the Bridge Scholarships Program (over 19,500 scholarships have already been awarded to gifted students living in rural areas of Poland) and to the participants in the Student Volunteers Program (over 10,000 university students involved in educational projects benefiting children from small localities).

*We are happy that we give them this opportunity to learn more about real industrial engineering, and at the same time they are helping us in our operation team.*

**F. M. Hagan,**

Senior Staff Engineer, Pittsburgh Glass Works, about Adrian and Piotr, 2013 interns at PGW



# WHY JOIN PAII?

- Prestigious network of organizations
- Modern CSR and promotion
- Skilled and highly motivated interns, who study in diverse fields and can work in a wide range of industries
- Solid education, outstanding and enthusiastic work attitude, excellent students' competencies
- Valuable role in the professional development of business leaders (potentially) working for your company
- PAII's close cooperation with Embassy of Poland in Washington, D.C. (Trade and Investment Section) and U.S. Embassy in Warsaw
- Valuable contacts & business opportunities in Poland as well as in the Central and Eastern Europe
- Strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation between Poland and the United States
- Internship incentives: cost-sharing with other partners in PAII; recruitment outsourcing

## Results

6 editions of PAII

85 talented and bright interns

10 global corporations

Archer Daniels Midland Company

Boeing Company

Chevron North America

Citigroup

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy

MoneyGram

Pittsburgh Glass Works

Raytheon BBN Technology

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

Westinghouse Electric Company

*I worked as a software developer responsible for development of text analysis algorithms. It was a great opportunity!*

**Michal Maciejewski,**

awarded "The Best Polish Student 2014" Prize,  
PAII intern at Raytheon BBN Technologies, 2013



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw



## JOIN US!

We kindly invite Companies interested in participating in the Polish-American Internship Initiative to visit our website: [www.paii.pl](http://www.paii.pl) where you can find a simple online submission form, the timetable and other relevant information.

# ABOUT US



POLISH-AMERICAN  
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## Polish-American Freedom Foundation

The Polish-American Freedom Foundation (PAFF) was established in the U.S. by the Polish-American Enterprise Fund. In 2000 the Foundation opened its Representative Office in Poland and began carrying out its mission. The Foundation pursues its goals through programs implemented in the following areas: initiatives in education; development of local communities; sharing the Polish experiences in transformation. PAFF finances its activities from revenues generated by its endowment, the source of which was the Polish-American Enterprise Fund. The Fund has transferred approximately \$255 million to the endowment. Since 2000 the Foundation has disbursed \$169 million for its programs in order to bolster civil society, democracy, promote equal opportunities and social development with a special focus on initiatives aimed at leveling the playing field in education as well as reinforce citizens' potential, particularly in villages and small towns. Until April 2015, PAFF was carrying out the Library Development Program in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help Polish public libraries in rural areas get access to computers, Internet and training in the use of ICT. As a result almost 4,000 libraries were transformed into modern cultural, education and civic activity centers.

More information: [www.en.pafw.pl](http://www.en.pafw.pl)



## Trade & Investment Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC

The Trade and Investment Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, DC provides a range of services to help Polish companies to internationalize, identify trade opportunities, promote their products and services and ensure their success on the US market.

Our mission is not only to help Polish companies but equally important is assisting US businesses looking to buy goods and services in Poland or to locate their activity in our country.

The Trade and Investment Section of Polish Embassy is the trade promotion unit of the Polish Ministry of Economic Development and one of the 48 Polish foreign commercial offices in the world.

More information: [www.washington.trade.gov/pl/en](http://www.washington.trade.gov/pl/en)



Embassy of the  
United States of America  
in Warsaw

## Embassy of the United States of America in Warsaw

The United States Embassy in Warsaw protects and promotes American interests and develops relations with Poland through contacts with the Polish government, business, labor, agriculture, media and education leaders. Led by the United States Ambassador, the Embassy team explains and advocates the position of the United States Government on bilateral and multi-lateral political, economic, social, and scientific issues; carries out a wide-ranging assistance program designed to help promote democracy and a strong market economy in Poland; promotes the sale of American goods and services and American business interests in Poland and the region; provides visa and other documentary services to foreign nationals; facilitates cultural and educational exchange between the United States and Poland; and maintains contact between the Polish military services and their United States counterparts while facilitating cooperative activities in the region.

More information: <http://poland.usembassy.gov>



## Educational Enterprise Foundation

Educational Enterprise Foundation (Fundacja Edukacyjna Przedsiębiorczości, FEP) was established in 1991 by the Polish-American Enterprise Fund and the State Treasury. The mission of the Foundation is to support the development of intellectual assets for the market economy. FEP accomplishes its mission by undertaking the endeavors to contribute to equalizing educational opportunities for young Poles both nationally and internationally.

These actions are targeted at increasing the availability of education for young people coming from rural areas and small towns and providing a comparable level of education, so that Polish graduates can be effectively competitive on the international job market. The Foundation has 25 years of experience in the implementation of academic and social scholarship programs, through which students have so far been awarded 43,600 scholarships.

More information: [www.fep.lodz.pl](http://www.fep.lodz.pl)