



POLISH-AMERICAN INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE

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“ Working for Discovery’s Food Network and Genius Kitchen in New York City was an incredible professional opportunity and a crucial milestone in my life. Thanks to PAII, I was able to collaborate with a team of sharp minds and skilled designers on products that would be seen and used by millions of people. Living in Big Apple and then traveling along the West Coast was a wonderful adventure in itself as each day would bring something unique and new. I couldn’t be more grateful for all those enriching experiences.

Agata Karaś

PAII intern at Discovery, 2018

The Polish-American Internship Initiative (PAII) 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). The program’s operational activities are carried out by the Educational Enterprise Foundation together with American companies providing internships.

How does it work

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.

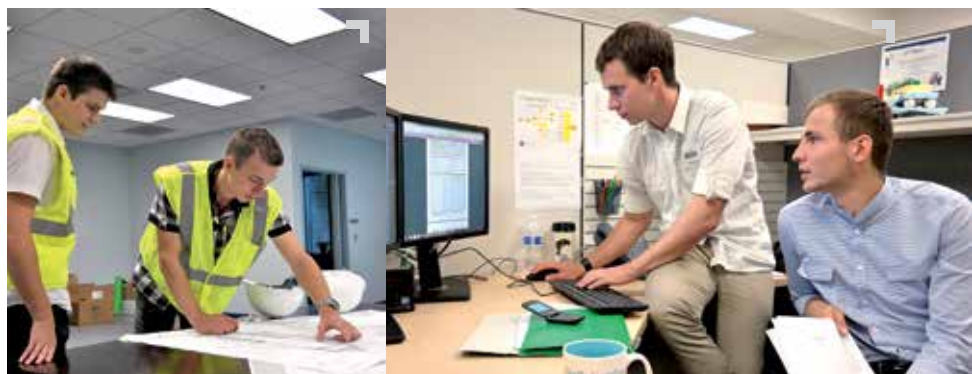
Students

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 (ca. 26,000 scholarships have already been awarded to gifted students from low-income families) and to the participants in the Student Volunteers Program (over 15,000 university students involved in educational projects benefiting children from small localities).

“ This internship definitely exceeded my expectations. I have gained a valuable working experience and had a chance to explore American culture. I greatly appreciate the opportunity I was given.

Marta Knapkiewicz

PAII intern at Raytheon Company, 2018



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
- Internship incentives: cost-sharing with other partners in PAII; recruitment outsourcing
- 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

The initiative was launched with promotional support from the U.S. Embassy in Poland and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington.

As a part of our initiative we also finance summer Transatlantic Future Leaders Forum internships for Polish students in the U.S. Congress.



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw



Results

9 editions of PAII

115 talented and bright interns

12 global corporations

Archer Daniels Midland Company

Boeing Company

Chevron North America

Citigroup

Discovery Inc.

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy

MoneyGram

Pittsburgh Glass Works

Raytheon BBN Technology

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

The Ohio State University

Westinghouse Electric Company

“ Judging from the feedback we receive from the hosting companies, our interns are ambitious, talented and hard working. They add a lot of value to the companies' projects, so it really is a win-win for both: the company and the interns.

Radosław Jasiński

Polish-American Freedom Foundation, Program Director

JOIN US!

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

ABOUT US



POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA
FUNDACJA WOLNOŚCI

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 with other countries of our Region.

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 more than

\$243 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. Since 2000 the Foundation was able to finance 33,000 scholarships for young people from low-income families, train 160,000 teachers in modern teaching methods, implement 18,700 local projects addressed to hundreds of thousands people as well as carry out 40,000 educational projects in 2,800 schools participated in by 15,000 student-volunteers.

More information: www.en.pafw.pl



Educational Enterprise Foundation

Educational Enterprise Foundation 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 asset for the market economy. EEF 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 studies for

young people coming from rural areas and small towns and providing a comparable level of education, so that Polish graduates could be effectively competitive on the international labor market. The Foundation has over 30 years of experience in the implementation of scholarship programs, academic and social, in which students were awarded over 49,000 scholarships.

More information: www.fep.lodz.pl