CAPS – China and Asia-Pacific Studies

Internships & Career Exploration

Internships in Beijing, China:

For the CAPS major one semester in China is required, CAPS has adopted the following guidelines:

- Students can opt to undertake a summer internship in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, or other Chinese cities in the summer after their junior year. A summer internship should last for at least four weeks (five work days per week).
- Alternately, students can opt to undertake an internship in Beijing during the spring semester of their junior year or the fall semester of their senior year for 2 days a week, a full day on Monday and two half days on Tuesday and Wednesday. Internships should begin within one week of the start of classes and should end during the last week of classes.
- No academic credit is earned for the internship.
- Internships are unpaid, unless you are eligible for work-study.

CAPS provides assistance to students in their application for internships in Beijing.

Internships in Washington, D.C.:

For the CAPS major, the Cornell in Washington semester is optional but highly recommended. For students choosing to attend CIW, CAPS has the following guidelines for D.C. internships:

- 3 days a week, Monday-Wednesday, is recommended, to allow time for academic work, for touring Washington, and for the occasional trip to Ithaca or home.
- No academic credit is earned for the internship, neither from Cornell in Washington nor from any other department.
- Internships are unpaid, unless you are eligible for work-study. If so, you may be able to find a non-partisan internship which will compensate you. Let us know if you are interested in this possibility, and we’ll provide more details.
- Internships should begin within one week of the start of classes and should end during the last week of classes.

You can access the CIW Online database for internships when you file your online application.

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Career Exploration:
With three years of intensive Chinese language training, a semester of study and internships in Beijing is required, and an optional semester of study and internships in Washington, D.C. is also possible. Cornell graduates with a major in CAPS are well suited for entry- or higher-level positions in consulting, journalism, law firms, businesses, financial services, NGOS, diplomacy, and other government and public service agencies. An undergraduate CAPS degree also readily prepares one for graduate studies in law, business, and other disciplines with a focus on China.

Sample CAPS Internships:

*Washington, D.C.*
- American Enterprise Institute
- Asia Society
- Brookings Institution
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Congressional Research Service
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Justice
- Department of Treasury
- Embassy of Korea
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fox News Channel
- House of Representatives
- Hudson Institute
- International Law Institute
- Library of Congress, Asian Division
- Live Healthier
- Morgan Stanley
- National Confectioners Association
- Project 2049 Institute
- Roosevelt Institute
- The Atlantic Council, the Asia Program
- The GIC Group
- The Stern Group
- U.S.-Asia Institute
- U.S.-China Education Trust
- U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission
- White House Liaison Office
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

*Beijing and the Greater China Area*
- American Chamber of Commerce
- Bain & Company
- Brookings-Tsinghua Institute
- Care and Share Insurance Brokers Co. Ltd.
- Chihaner Adventures
- China Greentech Initiative
- China International Capital Corporation
- CITIC Capital
- City Weekend Magazine
- CNN Beijing Bureau
- Control Risks
- Dezan Shira & Associates
- Digital Jungle, Sinotech
- Gartner Consulting
- Grant Hyatt Beijing
- Import Administration, US Embassy
- Kamsky Associates
- Larkin Trade International
- Lincoln Institute, Peking University
- Lotus Educational Foundation
- Morgan Stanley Hong Kong
- Powell Rale Beijing
- PSL Research
- School of International Studies, Peking University
- Synoyate Healthcare
- The Carter Center, China Program
- US Foreign Commercial Service, US Embassy
- US Information Technology Office

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