Internships & Career Exploration

Internships in China:

For internships in China, 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.
Career Exploration:
With three years of intensive Chinese language training, a semester of study and internships in Beijing, and an optional semester of study and internships in Washington, D.C., 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
- Earth Day Network
- Embassy of Korea
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fox News Channel
- House of Representatives
- Hudson Institute
- International Law Institute
- Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA)
- 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*
- 1421 Consulting Group
- Air Products
- Beijing Children’s’ Legal Aid & Research Center
- Beijing Review
- Brookings-Tsinghua Institute
- Cadence Translate
- China Greentech Initiative
- China Merchants Securities
- China Women Film Festival
- City Weekend Magazine
- CNN Beijing Bureau
- Control Risks
- Crossroads Centre Beijing
- Cyberteam Investment Group
- Elite Scholars of China
- Grant Hyatt Beijing
- Guanghua School of Management
- Indeco
- Kamsky Associates
- Larkin Trade International
- Lenovo
- Lotus Educational Foundation
- Pace Gallery
- Pangoal Institution
- Peking University
- Powell Rale Beijing
- PSL Research
- Renmin University of China
- Sinotech Engineering Consultants, Ltd
- Sohu.com
- Synoyate Healthcare
- The Carter Center, China Program
- Time Out Beijing
- US Foreign Commercial Service, US Embassy
- US Information Technology Office (USITO)
- Zhicheng Public Interest Law

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