

CAPS – CHINA AND ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES

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
Cybernaut 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