

MA IPEEA INTERNSHIP GUIDANCE (February 2021)

An internship offers the opportunity to gain practical experience in professional fields and to put into practice knowledge acquired during studies. It is also a useful way to form contacts that may be helpful for future career opportunities. An internship abroad also provides insight into the social, political and economic conditions of the country. Internships are highly valued by many employers.

ADVICE

A successful internship requires good preparation. MA Student Advisors will be happy to help you clarify the following questions:

- Which area am I interested in?
- Do I want to do a domestic or international internship?
- How do I find potential internships?
- How do I apply?
- What preparations do I need to make before starting the internship?
- What should I pay attention to during the internship?
- As a rule, the application for an internship is made 6-12 months in advance. The DAAD, for example, can help with the financing of internships abroad.

MA Student Advisors will be happy to help you with applying for your internship and the recognition process.

RECOGNITION

In the B.A. Economics and Politics of East Asia and M.A. International Political Economy of East Asia internships or study abroad are part of the mandatory curriculum. Students in the B.A. must complete either a minimum eight-week internship in the country or abroad or, alternatively, a minimum eight-week study visit to East Asia. Students taking the M.A. must complete full-time internships totaling six months or a six-month (full semester) specialized study abroad. It is also possible with the agreement of student advisors to take more than one internship. In the M.A., the relevance of the internship for the subject study and the achievement of the study goals must be justifiable, e.g. through a political science subject reference or East Asia reference. Accordingly, internships are recognized in both degree programs with credit points in the designated modules.

An advising interview before starting an internship is recommended. In addition, an internship certificate (original and copy) issued by the employer, as well as a self-authored internship report must be submitted after the internship. The report should be 3-4 pages long

and include the name, location and duration of the internship on a cover sheet. The report should describe the initiation and preparation of the internship, as well as a detailed account of the internship itself.

Previous internship reports can be viewed by contacting the Chair of East Asian Politics

Examples for INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

German-Korean Business Association in Seoul
Radio Taiwan International in Taipei
Internships at the United Nations and its specialized agencies
German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan
JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization)

Examples for INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN GERMANY

Asia Research Group at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin
Institute for Asian Studies (ISA) at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Asia House Cologne
German-Japanese Business Circle

Platforms for INTERNSHIP AND JOB EXCHANGES

Directory of internship exchanges of the Career-Service of the Ruhr-University
Internship exchange of the Ruhr-University
Job exchange of KOPRA (Coordination Office for Internships in China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan)
Jobs-IO: Job Exchange International Organizations of the German Foreign Office