

Internship for young leaders in the area of student affairs within the German local student service organizations: Program overview

Description of the program (pilot project: 20 awardees; duration of stipend: 9 month)

Internship for future leaders in a German local student service organization (*Studentenwerke*)

Target group/participants

Young future leaders in their respected field of study; i.e. recent graduates (students who have completed their first higher education degree). Participation is open to graduates of all disciplines. No national quotas.

Participation

Application open to students and recent graduates from the following countries:

- France/Italy/Norway
- Czech Republic/Poland and Russia
- USA (must have completed Bachelor degree by the start of the program)

Program requirements

- young future leaders; i.e. recent graduates (students who have completed their first higher education degree).
Graduation should not be longer than one year ago
- participation is open to graduates of all disciplines
- maximum age for application: 30 years
- very good German language skills (proved by language certificate)
- general interest in education and social policy
- interest in student affairs and the variety of tasks of a German local student service organisation (*Studentenwerk*)
- *Note: As participants are working full-time, the program is not recommended for those who would like to matriculate into the university for a course of study.*

Duration

9 months internship (**September 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007**).

Payments

- Monthly scholarship of 400,- EURO
- Accommodation in a student residence hall (at no charge)
- Support throughout the program
- Health, liability and accident insurance
- Travel costs and room & board costs related to the compulsory orientation, mid-term and evaluation seminars

Additional information

- compulsory orientation, mid-term and evaluation seminars include vocational training modules and should allow for exchange of experiences and networking between scholarship holders
- scholarship holders will be supported by a *Studentenwerk* counsellor during their stay
- scholarship holders are expected to develop and implement a project in accordance with the respective *Studentenwerk*