Internships abroad offer students best of both worlds

During the past two years, the Office of Study Abroad has significantly expanded the international internship programs available to University of Kansas students. During the Academic Year 2011-12, the OSA offered seven semester and summer internship opportunities, including Architecture Internships in Beijing, Architecture Internships in Paris, and multidisciplinary summer internships in Dublin, Ireland; Eutin, Germany; London, England; Madrid, Spain and Sydney, Australia. Participation in the internship programs has also grown in recent years, with a total of 109 students completing internships abroad in 2011-12.

The international internship program, first offered in 2007, offers students the opportunity to participate in high quality internships during the summer or semester while earning academic credit toward their KU degrees. In collaboration with affiliate organizations and institutions abroad, KU strives to place students in internships that relate to their course of study, thus ensuring the quality and academic relevance of the placement and maximizing the professional benefit students receive from their work experience.

International internships offer benefits beyond professional development. Regardless of a student’s chosen major, an internship offers the unique opportunity to be immersed in the culture of the host country and gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the varied theories, policies, and practices prevalent in a given academic and professional field.

Brandy Groff, a 2011 KU graduate, participated in the Eutin, Germany Internship Program during the summer of 2011.

“My summer in Eutin marked the beginning of one of the best summers of my life. Although the town was quite small, the experiences were big. The other interns and I formed an exceptional bond and had so much fun each and every day. It’s a journey I won’t forget,” states Groff.

Groff, who earned degrees in German Language and Literature, and Global and International Studies, as well as a minor in Business, was able to complement her education by working at Entwicklungsgesellschaft Ostholstein, an economic development company for the region of Ostholstein. During her internship, Groff was able to shadow other employees, attend meetings, sit in on potential client interviews, visit upcoming tourist destinations, and participate in the Danish-German tourist partnership conference.

“The Eutin internship program was a great way to explore the workings of German business and to learn firsthand which stereotypes hold true and which do not. It’s incredibly interesting to be placed within such a work community and compare it to that of the American business. And, of course, it’s a great resume builder,” explains Groff.

In addition to the international internship programs organized by the Office of Study Abroad, KU students may also participate in self-identified internships abroad. Anna Paradis, a museum studies major at KU, was awarded a Summer 2012 internship at the Deutsches Museum of Science and Technology in Munich, Germany. During her internship, Continued on pg. 5
Germany Scholarships

Scholarships Announced for Study Abroad in Germany

Two major gifts were announced in 2012 to establish significant scholarships for students interested in study abroad in Germany.

The Drs. Elisabeth and Dean T. Collins Scholarship

The Drs. Elisabeth and Dean T. Collins scholarship will annually provide significant support for KU students to study for the semester or academic year at an institution in Germany.

Dean, a Dwight, KS native, earned a bachelor’s degree from KU in 1950 and later graduated from the KU School of Medicine in 1955. He completed an internship at Gorgas Hospital in Panama City, Panama, was a Fulbright Scholar at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France and was an Alexander von Humboldt Scholar in psychiatry in Germany.

Elisabeth, a native of Germany, completed her medical school in Hamburg, Germany and began her residency in adult and child psychology at the University of Tuebingen, West Germany. At Tuebingen, Elisabeth became the supervising physician of Dean. After Dean returned to the United States, they continued to maintain contact and later married and moved to Topeka in 1959. Elisabeth was a staff psychiatrist at the Topeka State Hospital and other institutions and later developed a private practice. Dean began as a senior staff psychiatrist at the Menninger Clinic. He continued in private practice after construction of the Floyd H. and Kathryn Krebiel Scholarship Hall, which honors his mother and late father.

The endowed fund Krebiel established will provide scholarships for KU students in perpetuity. Each year, one of the scholarships will be awarded in memory of KU alumnus L. Neil Slentz, who was also a participant in the Holzkirchen program in 1968.

Both funds are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU.

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* Eutin, Germany, a sister city of Lawrence, KS, has been a site for a Germanic language institute since 1966.

Through the generous support of our alumni and friends (listed below for endowed funds and donations received between November 1, 2011 and October 31, 2012), and the Office of the Chancellor and Office of the Provost, approximately 18% of the 1,039 KU study abroad participants received scholarships toward their experience abroad in 2012. A total of 187 KU students received scholarships through the Office of Study Abroad for their studies in various countries. Our goal is to increase both the number and size of the scholarships awarded to KU study abroad participants and make studying abroad a reality for more KU students.
Curriculum Integration

The University of Kansas has a storied study abroad program, and one that has featured prominently in KU’s national reputation.

- KU ranked among the top 9 public universities in the country for “stellar” high quality, low cost study abroad programming (Source: U.S. News and World Report, August 2010).
- KU ranked 17th in the nation among public research institutions for undergraduate participation in study abroad. The 1,425 students who studied abroad in 2010-2011 represented a participation rate of 24.7%.

During the past year, the University of Kansas made the bold decision to further expand the role and prominence of Study Abroad by placing study and coursework in the major; greater cohesion between international education by spending his junior year in Madrid.

The Study Abroad Curriculum Integration initiative has several key goals, including:

1. Enhancing student learning through greater cohesion between international study and coursework in the major;
2. Increasing participation by KU students in semester or academic year study abroad programs;
3. Facilitating study abroad for a greater number of KU students, and particularly students in the STEM disciplines; and
4. Contributing positively to institutional recruitment, retention, and degree completion goals.

Curriculum Integration will serve as a long-term, strategic approach to study abroad development for the KU campus. It aligns academic advising and faculty knowledge of the curriculum with the global partnerships and programs maintained by the Office of Study Abroad. Furthermore, it addresses one of the principal barriers to student participation in Study Abroad by ensuring the curricular fit of overseas experiences and continued student progress toward degree. Coupled with the new university-wide core curriculum, Study Abroad Curriculum Integration will significantly expand the visibility of and interest in study abroad among KU students and faculty.

Growth in Study Abroad through New Initiatives

The Study Abroad Office kicked off Study Abroad programming (Source: U.S. News and World Report, August 2010).

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Angela Perryman joins the Office of Study Abroad

Angela Perryman joined the staff as the Director of the Office of Study Abroad in July 2012. Her duties include strategic and operational planning for the Study Abroad unit, personnel management, fiscal management, programmatic oversight and assessment, and service on the executive management team within the Office of International Programs. Prior to her arrival at KU, Angela served as the Associate Director of Study Abroad at Colorado State University. A native of Kansas and an alumna of the University of Kansas, Angela is thrilled to be back in Jayhawk country. Rock Chalk!