How to Find an Internship in Germany

More GT students intern abroad in Germany than any other country. Germany is a great destination for students as it has a long tradition of internships and a developed infrastructure for processing them. Germany is especially interested in STEM students, but there are also some opportunities in business and government. While some German companies look for candidates with German skills, there are also many internships where the work is conducted in English. Plan on starting your search several months (approx. 4-9 months) before you wish to start working. Be sure to sign up for the Global Internship Program newsletter to learn about open positions: https://oie.gatech.edu/gip

Internship Resources

1) Partner Employers
The following companies offer internships in Germany specifically to Georgia Tech students on an on-going basis:
- BMW Group in Munich (production methods, corporate IT, supply chain management, power train technologies, and human resources/recruiting)
- Deutsche Bahn in Berlin (Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Logistics, Mathematics, and Mechanical Engineering)
- Siemens Healthcare Innovation ThinkTank (wide variety of majors interested in medical engineering)
- Siemens Corporate Technology (Math, CS, Physics, and Engineering Majors)

2) Georgia Tech Campus Resources
- Sign up for the GT GIP newsletter on the GIP website: https://oie.gatech.edu/gip
- CareerBuzz, GT’s jobs database - https://gatech.csm.symplicity.com
- Attend the German Day Career Fair, an annual event held every October. Meet representatives from German-affiliated companies with a presence in the Southeast US.

3) Study Abroad / Intern Abroad Combinations
All of GT’s exchange partners in Germany allow GT students who have studied abroad with them for at least one semester to utilize their career services resources to identify an internship in Germany for the semester following the study term. TU Munich and University of Stuttgart are the most popular universities for this combination. Also, the German LBAT (GT’s summer language immersion program) takes students on company visits, which provides an excellent introduction to some of the top businesses in Germany who have hired GT students in the past.

4) Other sources – Internship Programs and Job Search Tools
- AmCham Germany US-German Internship Program - http://www.amchaminternship.org/
- Cultural Vistas: http://www.culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals
- IAESTE - (for STEM students) http://www.iaeste.org
- AIESEC - http://www.aiesec.org/
- Going Global - https://oie.gatech.edu/content/going-global-link

5) Research, Government & National Labs Internships
- DAAD Bundestag (German Parliament) program - https://www.daad.org/emgip
- ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship (in Switzerland) - http://thinkswiss.tumblr.com/About
6) Networking
- Meet with your Global Internship Advisor – There are many opportunities in Germany and only a fraction are posted on CareerBuzz. Speak to your advisor about where students have interned in the past and how to access the hidden job market.
- Ask your family, friends, co-op colleagues, professors, neighbors, upperclassmen, or TA’s for connections in your field. Start by asking yourself: Who do I know who may know someone in my field? 50% of GT global interns find their internships independently!
- GT Alumni Association – GT’s alumni are spread all over the world! Connect with regional representatives and join the GT Alumni LinkedIn group: http://www.gtalumni.org/

7) Company Websites
- Search for internships and apply directly with a company. In German, internship is "Praktikum" so use that term when searching. For large companies such as GE or Microsoft, always apply on their company website. From their homepage, look for a link to ‘careers’ or ‘jobs’. Then you’ll often see a link to ‘internships’ or ‘university students’ or Praktikum.

8) Check out some of the German organizations that have hired GT global interns during the 2014-2016 academic years:

- OHB System AG
- Deutsches Zentrum fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt
- PACE Aerospace Engineering and Information Technology GmbH
- Airbus
- Grenzebach Maschinenbau GmbH
- Leibniz University
- Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems
- Schaeffler Technologies AG & Co. KG
- Siemens Innovation Healthcare ThinkTank
- Siemens Corporate Technology
- IBM
- Caterpillar
- BMW Group
- Georg-August Universität Göttingen
- DAAD RISE
- Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
- Conceptboard
- Müller-BBM
- Max Planck Institute for Software Systems
- Texas Instruments
- Continental AG
- UPS - AmCham Internship Program
- American Chemical Society/University of Ulm
- Robert Bosch GmbH
- WIKA Alexander Wiegand SE & Co. KG
- ZF North America, Inc.
- University of Tübingen
- EADS

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