



THE NANJING FLAGSHIP CENTER INTERNSHIP BULLETIN

Fall 2017

Past Events:

- The Nanjing Center hosted an alumni roundtable on November 27.
- Flagship Directors from HC, IU, and WKU visited AIDA, an internship provider, during their brief visit to the Nanjing Flagship Center from December 20-21.
- Internship staff confirmed Chinese Development Course instructors for the Fall 2017 Cohort. Students will participate in a minimum of 32 tutorial sessions over 16 weeks during their internships.
- Internship staff held the final internship meeting for the Fall 2017 Cohort on January 19. Staff covered the internship handbook, internship policies, coursework, grading, and stressed the importance of submitting Weekly Check-ins.

Upcoming Events:

- The Fall Cohort will begin their internships late February/early March.
- Chinese New Year is on February 15th this year. Happy Year of the Dog!
- The incoming Spring 2018 Cohort is scheduled to arrive in Nanjing starting February 26 and start classes March 5.



Spring and Fall Cohort students share experiences at the alumni roundtable

Post Program Testing & Alumni Roundtable

During the week of November 26th, the Spring 2017 Cohort returned to Nanjing for their Post Program OPI and AC reading and listening testing. Five students from the Spring 2017 Cohort stayed in Nanjing a little longer to attend the Nanjing Center's alumni roundtable. The roundtable provided students from the Fall 2017 Cohort an opportunity to learn about the previous cohort's internship and living experience. The Spring 2017 Cohort strongly emphasized the necessity to find and secure an internship early, visit any internship location in person, and allocate plenty of time to relocate and adjust in the new internship city. There were a total of 14 students from the Fall 2017 Cohort who attended the alumni roundtable.

Directors visit AIDA

Flagship Directors from Hunter College, Indiana University, and Western Kentucky University visited the Nanjing Center on December 19-21. After touring the Center, the Directors visited one of Nanjing's Internship Provider, AIDA. AIDA is a digital art and entertainment company that works primarily on video game art (www.adiaentertainment.com). The Directors were very impressed with AIDA's commitment to the Chinese language learning goals of the Flagship internship program. Moreover, they were impressed that AIDA provides on the job training for students in business and market research and will consider offering students full-time job opportunities after the internship. Four students from the Fall 2017 Cohort will intern with AIDA this spring.



Fall Cohort Internship Placement

The Fall Cohort will be beginning their internships late February-early March and will be interning in the following companies:

Internship Provider	City	Industry	Major
北京鼎鸿假日国际旅行社有限公司 (DingHong International Travel Agency)	Beijing	Business Consulting & Travel Agency	International Studies
北京现代音乐节 (Beijing Modern Music Festival)	Beijing	Music	Commercial Music
盈科律师事务所 (Yingke Law Firm)	Guangzhou	Law	English Literature
北京超帆文化传播发展有限公司 (GuruOnline)	Nanjing	Social Media Marketing	International Business Management and Chinese

Internship Provider	City	Industry	Major
北京瑞事达世纪科技有限公司 (RareStar)	Nanjing	Multimedia Education	Chinese
江苏怀若谷企业管理咨询有限 公司 (Edge Consulting)	Nanjing	Business Consulting	Politics
江苏怀若谷企业管理咨询有限 公司 (Edge Consulting)	Nanjing	Business Consulting	International Studies and Chinese
江苏青创空间企业管理有限公 司 (Youth Space)	Nanjing	Incubator	Math and Chinese
江苏省演艺集团有限公司 (Jiangsu Performing Arts Group)	Nanjing	Music	Chinese and Music
江苏译林出版社有限公司 (Yilin Publishing Co.)	Nanjing	Publishing	Linguistics; East Asian language and literature
南京艾迪亚动漫艺术有限公司 (AIDA)	Nanjing	Digital Art & Entertainment	Economics
南京艾迪亚动漫艺术有限公司 (AIDA)	Nanjing	Digital Art & Entertainment	Human Resources
南京艾迪亚动漫艺术有限公司 (AIDA)	Nanjing	Digital Art & Entertainment	Business

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南京艾迪亚动漫艺术有限公司 (AIDA)	Nanjing	Digital Art & Entertainment	Chinese
南京艾迪亚动漫艺术有限公司 (AIDA)	Nanjing	Digital Art & Entertainment	International Studies and Chinese
南京爱立信熊猫通信有限公司 (Ericsson)	Nanjing	Telecommunications Technology	IT
南京大学社会学院、腾讯 (Nanjing University Sociology Department; Tencent)	Nanjing	Education	International Studies and Chinese
南京大学医学院 (Nanjing University School of Medicine)	Nanjing	Medicine	Chinese and Biochemistry
三胞集团 (Sunpower Group)	Nanjing	Modern Services	Management; East Asian Language and Literature
苏美达(SUMEC)	Nanjing	Machinery	Chinese
中国医学科学院皮肤病医院 (Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Hospital for Skin Diseases)	Nanjing	Medicine	Chemistry and Chinese
采埃孚投资有限公司 (ZF Investments Co. Ltd)	Shanghai	Finance	Computer Engineering

Internship Provider	City	Industry	Major
德稻设计服务有限公司 (DeTao Group)	Shanghai	Think Tank	International Studies and Chinese
佳士得拍卖有限公司 (Christies Auction House)	Shanghai	Art	Economics and Chinese
如新日用保健品有限公司 (NuSkin)	Shanghai	Health & Beauty	Finance
上海东方梦工厂影视技术有限公司 (Oriental Dreamworks Film and Television Communications)	Shanghai	Film & Entertainment	Media
上海交复生物医药科技有限公 司 (JiaoFu Biomedical Science & Technology)	Shanghai	Science & Technology	Bioinformatics
上海捷果商务信息咨询有限公 司 (AllSetLearning)	Shanghai	Education	Chinese
上海久牵志愿服务社 (Shanghai Jiuqian Volunteer Center)	Shanghai	NGO	Chinese
上海久锐商务咨询有限公司 (Nicobar)	Shanghai	Nuclear Power	Chinese and Environmental Protection
上海罗家文化艺术交流有限公 司 (LOST PENSIVOS)	Shanghai	Media	Chinese and Telecommunications

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上海麦沁淘信息技术有限公司 (Maitao)	Shanghai	Education	International Studies
上海麦沁淘信息技术有限公司 (Maitao)	Shanghai	Education	Chinese
上海纽约大学 (NYU Shanghai)	Shanghai	Education	Psychology
上海日报 (Shanghai Daily)	Shanghai	Journalism	English Literature
英智广告有限公司 (ASAP)	Shanghai	Marketing & Consulting	International Relations
英智广告有限公司 (ASAP)	Shanghai	Marketing & Consulting	International Studies
中国银联股份有限公司 (UnionPay)	Shanghai	Finance	Economics
深圳行动派成长科技有限公司 (Dream List)	Shenzhen	Education	Humanities
深圳市前海创新研究院 (Qianhai Institute for Innovative Research)	Shenzhen	Nonprofit	Sociology

Internship Provider	City	Industry	Major
腾讯科技有限公司 (Tencent)	Shenzhen	Internet	Chinese, Finance, and International Business
特诺尔爱佩斯高新塑料有限公司 (Teknor Apex Co.)	Suzhou	Plastics Engineering	Chemical Engineering and Chinese

Wrapping Up Spring 2017 Cohort Internships

Please see below for final updates as the Spring 2017 Cohort finish their internships and return home:

- The Spring 2017 Cohort completed Post Program Testing from November 26-27. Congratulations to everyone on finishing the program!
- Bryn Mawr College received the Spring 2017 Cohort internship grades and delivered transcripts to domestic institutions.
- In late January, American Councils shared post-program AC Reading, Listening and OPI scores as well as official OPI certificates with domestic institutions.
- American Councils will mail Spring 2017 Cohort Internship Verification Letters to domestic institutions in February.
- American Councils will mail Nanjing Capstone Completion certificates to participants who had obtained an overall of 70% or higher during the internship phase.

Internship Corner

For this issue of the newsletter, Capstone interns from the Spring 2017 Cohort share some final departing remarks about their internship experience. They wish everyone the best on their future endeavors!

"The American executive that does not speak any Chinese began to take me under his wing and use me for whatever oral interpreting and written translation work he needed throughout the day...This experience was so invaluable that, if I were to only have this task, it would have been enough for me to say that my internship time with ML Optic was a massive success. Having never before taken part in professional written or oral translation, this is not only a great talking point on my resume but more importantly a necessary notch on my belt in my journey to use Chinese in my career in the professional world... Overall, if I had to give the incoming Flagship students [advice] it would be to expand their social circle as often as possible, let everyone know the

situation they are in with Flagship, and to never be scared to ask someone for help whether it be a friend a company or the Flagship department because chances are if you reach out and are sincere others will reciprocate." (Joseph Rizzo, ASU)

"I believe the cultural experience gathered from the internship phase is the most important and valuable part of it...For example, when I wrote my article on being stared at in China and the racism/colorism often experienced firsthand here, my co-worker told me that it was not racism, and that in fact, there was no such thing as racism in China. That was my very first day at work and I remember debating to myself silently, uncertain if I should very politely correct her or change my article. I decided to do the former; while it was a difficult conversation to have, one that might have even gotten me fired if I had done so less delicately, I did feel it my right to stand up for what I wrote and experienced. After explaining it to her, I think she understood what I was trying to say, and suggested that I simply use the term 'racism' with less frequency." (Arianna James, HC)



"My work experience was nothing like I expected it to be. When I hear about working in China, I think about drinking alcohol with clients, working long hours without extra pay, obeying the employer's every command like a slave, etc. My work environment was the complete opposite of all those stereotypes...The company is a small start up full of young, talents that are around my age. It was very easy to get a long and communicate with all of them because we were all the same age. What I liked the most about my team is that we know how to work very hard, but we also know how to have fun." (Joshua Nghiem, SFSU)

"The beginning of this program was incredibly stressful, with trying to find an apartment, setting up my phone, etc. and having the mentality that I needed to be the best in all of my classes. But I think I really started to enjoy myself was when I stopped comparing my language ability to my classmates and made the decision to not let the OPI exam make or break my experience here in China. Despite a few stressful moments, overall I have a great time and I liked the freedom of having time to study what I was interested in during the internship phase." (Megan Ueno, SFSU)



"My greatest reward from this internship experience would be the friendship I formed with one of my coworkers and the better cultural understanding I received about how disabled people work and live in China. These two things will forever leave an impression on me as I contemplate how I want to allow this experience to shape who I want to become in the future. In this way, I would encourage future interns to take time to get to know at least one coworker well and carefully observe their work environment." (Zayne Callahan, BYU)

"I really got along well with my coworkers. Most of the time I felt I had meaningful work. The boss was open to hearing ideas, and I presented an idea that turned into a big project that kept me busy during the entire internship phase. It's also something I can continue working on when I go back to America." (Barton Zobel, UHM)

"Overall, I am very happy with my internship during the second phase of my Chinese Language Flagship Program. I matured a lot, learned many new things, and even expanded my language skills a little bit. I'm still quite surprised by what I was able to accomplish. This internship wasn't the "go get coffee" type of internship. I really feel like I grew into the role of a full time worker and learned what is expected of me in the business world. I also learned how to navigate my way through the social relationships of coworkers, bosses, supervisors, etc. I'm excited for what the future holds for me and will take this experience with me through my career. I am without a doubt better prepared culturally, professionally, and linguistically from my internship with Microbenefits." (Michael Olevnik, UHM)

"...this experience was extremely beneficial to my professional development. In the first weeks I did a lot of grunt work, so language wise I mostly solidified my basic management skills and the students and teachers trusted me enough to take new arrivals to set up phones and bank accounts. This of course is repetitive and perhaps not so interesting, but how many people can say they got to open up to 15 cellphone plans in two days. So you learn how the system works pretty well." (Skye VanValkenburgh, SFSU)

"While I am not sure exactly what I will do for work once graduating from the University of Oregon, I know that it will involve using my Chinese language skills. For this reason, working in a Chinese company, especially working as an interpreter/translator much of the time, is incredible work experience for me moving forward in my professional career, whatever it may be." (Jonathan Edwards, UO)



"Aside from my projects, I was also able to communicate with our partners and dealers very frequently. This involved email, phone, in person conversations and even dinners. If the project concerned me, I was given the freedom to negotiate and take the lead in many conversations. I also attended multiple technology summits, which our company was invited to. During those summits, I was exposed to other peers in the technology industry and the corresponding vocabulary." (Mason Williams, UMN)