



*"The Transatlantic Program has given me the opportunity to experience Europe in a way that no study abroad program could. Instead of being in the classroom, I got to learn hands-on and experience what it is like to live as a professional in Germany."*  
-- Dan Downes, TAP 2008

**Patron  
of the Transatlantic Program:**  
*Dr. Klaus Scharioth, German  
Ambassador to the United States*

## GAIN VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE IN GERMANY!

For the 5th consecutive year, the Transatlantic Program is offering the opportunity for a group of select U.S. students to gain practical work experience in Germany, Europe's leading economy.

Up to 25 students of business, engineering, international relations and renewable energies are carefully matched to internship positions in their respective fields of study throughout Germany. The program takes place in **SUMMER 2009** and the individual internships last 2 to 6 months. Participants gain valuable practical skills for their future careers, improve their language abilities and learn first-hand about the German business environment.

Unique to the Transatlantic Program is the pre-internship Immersion Seminar in Berlin, a ten-day program consisting of German language-building activities, intercultural training and discussions with representatives from German business and politics. Highlights of the seminar include visits to companies and organizations and day trips to other key cities such as:

*Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Berlin • Daimler AG, Berlin • Federal Foreign Office, Berlin • Porsche AG, Leipzig • Nordex AG Wind Power Plant, Rostock • Container Harbor, Hamburg • Dresden • Potsdam*

The group is brought together again for a Interim Seminar in Cologne to share experiences and for internship review.

# TRANSATLANTIC PROGRAM STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

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### Additional Sponsors:



### WHY PARTICIPATE? BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Gain practical **work experience** in Germany
- Two- to six-month **internships** match your academic background and career objectives
- Experience a **full-immersion** environment
- Earn 3 to 12 **academic credit hours** depending on your university or college
- Establish long-term **business contacts**
- **Grow** professionally and personally
- Gain **in-depth knowledge** of German business, politics and culture
- Become part of the Transatlantic Program **Alumni Network** which includes an online platform for social and professional networking, yearly reunions, e-Newsletters and more

For more information, visit our website at

[www.transatlanticprogram.org](http://www.transatlanticprogram.org).

### Previous internship host companies include:

- adidas AG
- Berlin Partner GmbH
- Commerzbank AG
- Horváth & Partner GmbH
- Continental Teves AG
- Ecologic gGmbH
- Federal Foreign Office
- Krombacher Brauerei
- Siemens AG  
Power Generation
- US Commercial Service
- Numerous small and mid-sized companies from a variety of business and engineering fields

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Currently-enrolled college and university students and students graduating in Spring 2009. The program is primarily targeted towards undergraduate students in their junior or senior year.
- Majors of Engineering, Economics, Business Administration fields, International Relations, Journalism or Computer Science. Qualified students with a minor in one of these areas of study may also apply.  
NEW for 2009: Applications from students with a major, minor, concentration or particular interest in the field of renewable energies are also welcome.
- Minimum of two years of college-level German; ability to speak and understand German at a conversational level.
- Some work experience in one's respective field of study is preferable.



## PROGRAM TIMELINE:

### Immersion Seminar:

May 23 to June 1, 2009 in Berlin

Internships start June 4, 2009.

End date depends on desired length:

2 months: July 31, 2009

10 weeks: August 15, 2009

3 months: August 31, 2009

6 months: November 30, 2009

### Interim Seminar:

July 9 to July 11, 2009 in Cologne

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 24, 2008.**

Application Package with procedures can be found on the program website: [www.transatlanticprogram.org](http://www.transatlanticprogram.org)

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*"I took my experience with German business and proposed the creation of a branch office in Germany. Luckily this proposal was accepted and I am now managing the process of setting up the German office in Hamburg."*

-- Tyler Brebberman, TAP 2007

## PROGRAM COSTS & PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The monetary **value of this program is \$7,000 per student.** Over 50% is paid for by the German government and private sponsors. The **remaining costs of \$2,900 per student** will be covered by each participant, payable in 3 installments.
- The program covers the following costs:

### Internship placement process

#### Immersion Seminar in Berlin

- Accommodations & meals
- Interactive German class and materials
- Intercultural training
- Visitors program
- Transportation during seminar and to internship locations

#### Interim Seminar in Cologne

- Accommodations & meals
- Intercultural training
- Cultural Program
- Transportation during seminar and to and from Cologne

**Insurance: Liability & accident** for the duration of the entire program.

- Students are responsible for arranging and paying for their own flights to Germany. Students are also responsible for covering their everyday living and housing costs and health insurance for the duration of their internships.
- Most internship positions are paid by the host companies; the few participants in unpaid positions will receive a one-time stipend of €500.
- Participants are welcome to seek out additional stipends, scholarships or grants offered by universities, corporate sponsors or other organizations.