



## Imported Block 1 - Sep 25, 2020

The U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) would like to ask you a few questions about your experiences in the Intern/Trainee program. The goal is to better understand both successes and challenges of this program.

Please complete this survey by November 30. The survey has 20-25 questions and should take less than 30 minutes to complete.

Your responses will be anonymous and aggregated with other responses for the reporting purposes. The results of this survey are for internal ECA use only, and will not be shared publicly.

The only instances when your name may be used are for the purpose of follow-up on specific problems identified in this survey. The Department of State works with Intern/Trainee exchange visitors when they have serious concerns about their placement and their sponsor is unwilling or unable to assist them. In these cases, a member of our team may contact you for additional details and possible follow-up.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and you are free to choose not to answer any question. Your completion of the survey will not affect your eligibility for future Intern/Trainee or other ECA programs.

Contact the ECA Evaluation team ([ecaevaluation@state.gov](mailto:ecaevaluation@state.gov)) for technical support with the survey system or inquiries about specific questions.

By clicking "Yes" you confirm that you have read the above consent information and agree to voluntarily participate in this survey.

- Yes - take me to the survey
- No - exit the survey

Please enter the following information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy)

Email Address

Please select your country of citizenship.

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria

Please enter SEVIS ID number.

(Found in top right-hand corner of your DS-2019 form)

Please enter current U.S. city

Please select current U.S. state

Alabama	▲
Alaska	
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	
Florida	
Georgia	▼

Please select occupational category.

- Agricultural/Forestry/Fishing
- Arts & Culture
- Construction/Building Trades
- Education/Social Science/Library Science/Counseling/Social Services
- Health-Related Occupations
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Media & Communications
- Management/Business/Commerce/Finance

- Public Administration & Law
- Sciences/Engineering/Architecture/Mathematics/Industrial Occupation

Do you currently have access to a computer or cell phone?

- Yes
- No

Please specify your device. Check all that apply.

- Cell phone
- Smart phone
- Tablet
- Computer with microphone
- Computer with microphone and camera
- Other (please describe)

How long have you participated in the Intern/Trainee program? Please indicate number of months.

0      2      5      7      9      11      14      16      18

Number of months  
as Intern/Trainee



Given current COVID-19 restrictions, what cultural activities have you participated in?

- Virtual meet and greets
- Virtual meetings with other Americans
- Virtual meetings with other Intern/Trainees
- Socially distanced outdoor activities
- Celebrating holidays
- Other
- None

Do you feel safe and comfortable in your housing?

- Yes
- No

Please explain why you do not feel safe and/or comfortable. Check all that apply.

- Rent too high
- Not enough bedrooms
- Too far from host organization
- Far away from public transportation
- Far away from local attractions
- Doors do not lock
- Neighborhood is unsafe
- Other (please describe)

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the training activities at your host site.

- Extremely satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

Please explain why you are dissatisfied. Check all that apply.

- Training activities do not match training plan
- Have not advanced to different phases in accordance with training plan
- Performing unskilled labor
- Used as substitute for American employees
- Other (please describe)

Does your training plan match with what you are doing at the host site?

- Always
- Most of the time
- About half the time
- Sometimes
- Never

Do you feel your program is providing you with genuine training, regular work, or is it some of both?

- Genuine training

- Regular work
- Some of both

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with your sponsor.

- Extremely satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

Please explain why you are dissatisfied. Check all that apply.

- Did not help with host organization problems
- Did not respond to questions
- Did not help with medical questions
- Does not regularly contact me
- Other (please describe)

How often do you communicate with your sponsor?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Other (please describe)

How much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics?

	No change	Minimal change	Moderate change	Substantial change
United States values and culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Daily life in the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Freedom of speech and press in the United States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Overall, how would you describe your Intern/Trainee program experience?

- Extremely positive  
 Somewhat positive  
 Neither positive nor negative  
 Somewhat negative  
 Extremely negative

Please select the primary reason(s) for your negative experience. Check all that apply.

- Host organization concerns  
 Training plan concerns  
 Supervisor concerns  
  Other (please describe)



Do you have any additional comments or concerns you would like to share with us? Please describe.

Please take note of the below emergency contact information:

Exchange Visitor Program

Emergency Hotline: 24/7 toll-free: 1-866-283-9090

Email/General Inquires: [Jvisas@state.gov](mailto:Jvisas@state.gov)

Regulations: J-1 Visa Program

Website: <http://j1visa.state.gov>



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