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Caltech-Japan Internship program, please contact:

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Caltech-Japan Internship Information and Guidelines

Background

Since its inception in 1994, the Caltech-Japan Internship program has provided an outstanding ten-week summer research project experience for over 100 excellent students who meet the Japanese language requirement. Students are selected by Caltech faculty and staff, and have excellent academic credentials. The program pairs Caltech outstanding student-scholars with Japanese company researchers to collaborate on industrial projects. Students have the opportunity to experience Japanese business culture and to contribute to the company as an employee. Students are housed on-site in Japan with one of the twenty-six participating Japanese corporations.

The program is supported by Mr. Nishide formerly Director General of the Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Caltech faculty involvement includes Dr. Rod Kiewiet, Professor of Political Science and Dean of Undergraduate Students; Dr. Barbara Green, Associate Dean of Students; Professor Shinsuke Shimojo and Dr. Kayoko Hirata. The Program is sponsored by The Dean of Students Office; The Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences and Student Affairs at Caltech.

Students are placed in Japanese corporations where they assist with scientific engineering research projects. They are supervised by company researchers and teams. Japanese firms are pleased to host students as they collaborate on research projects that contribute to the company's research and development goals. Students usually stay in company owned dormitories where they improve their Japanese language and cultural understanding and share their culture with their co-workers. Students are able to do some moderate travel in Japan and often develop friendships with other interns from countries around the world.

Each year 12-25 students apply for the program. They are interviewed by faculty and staff, meet academic standards, and usually have experience with original research conducted with world-class scholars at Caltech. Once accepted, the students are placed in Japanese companies. Each year in October, Caltech hosts an annual Japan Internship Information Seminar where former student participants present slides and an overview of their experience to faculty, staff, students, and Japanese companies. In July or August, Caltech also hosts a luncheon in Tokyo for all Caltech interns, and their company hosts and supervisors, and program supporters in Japan.

Past and Present Participating Companies

Argo21	Mitsubishi Materials
Asahi Glass	NKK Corporation
Cultural Convenience Club	NTT Corporation
Denso	NTT Docomo
Development Bank of Japan	Seiko Epson
Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.	Sekisui Chemical
Kaneka Corporation	Sony
Kawasaki Heavy Industry	Sumitomo Chemical
KN Information Systems Corp.	Tokyo Gas
Kao Corporation	Toray
Kubota Corporation	Toshiba Corporation
Mitsubishi Electric	Tosoh Corporation
Mitsubishi Heavy Industry	Toyo Information Systems Co.

Internship Timeline

October:	Intern Information Seminar
October/November:	Applications Due
December:	Placement in Japanese Companies
April:	Visa and Application Materials Due
May:	Pre-departure Orientation Session
June:	Begin Work Assignments
July or Aug	Hosted Luncheon in Tokyo
September:	Student and Company Evaluations Due