



Dear University Partners,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying Spring!

We are excited to share a new resource available to you and your students - **AIFS Professional Pathways**. Designated by the U.S. Department of State, we serve as a J-1 visa sponsor for international students and recent graduates coming to the U.S. for internships and professional training opportunities.

For your students to compliantly train in the U.S., they must obtain a J-1 Intern visa, and this requires a certified sponsor. Through this visa category, your students are eligible for full-time U.S. internships starting their second semester, up until 12 months *after* graduation. Under the J-1, internships must be full-time, and can last between one month and one year in duration. (The visa also provides temporary work authorization which means interns can receive compensation!)

How can this new resource help you?

1. First, know that if a student finds a full-time U.S. opportunity there IS a visa available to them. University or employer sponsorship is not required. Professional Pathways can support this sponsorship for students interning in the following fields:

Architecture | Arts + Culture | Business, Finance, Management + Commerce | Computer Science + Technology | Education + Teaching Assistantships | Engineering | Hospitality + Tourism | Law | Library Science | Mathematics + Statistics | Media + Communications Physical Sciences | Public Administration | Social Sciences

2. Should you or your students have J-1 visa or U.S. immigration related questions, or identify internship opportunities and are ready to move forward, you can reach out or direct students to AIFS Professional Pathways with these inquiries (ProfessionalPathways@aifs.com). You will have no added burden.

3. If you have cohorts of students interested in participating in U.S. internships, Professional Pathways is available to lead information sessions about how to apply for U.S. positions, the J-1 visa and related program requirements. As you are our partner, this is a free service!

4. Should AIFS serve as a visa sponsor for your students, know they will be provided with an added level of support, orientation and monitoring while in the U.S. to ensure safety, well-being, and compliance. Further, we thoroughly vet U.S. employers and guide them in developing formal internship training plans, ensuring your students will receive a robust and educational experience (helpful when fulfilling an academic requirement!).

Immigration matters are complex, particularly when you have students traveling the globe! Know that you have an additional, trusted resource through AIFS to help YOU and to broaden the U.S. opportunities available to your students.

Please feel free to share **AIFS Professional Pathways** information with your career office and study abroad colleagues. You are also welcome to reach out to me directly with any questions, or to set up a call.

Respectfully,

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