

Sturm Scholarship Internship Reports

Our department has one of the most successful German internship programs at an American University. Our students are strongly encouraged to participate in a program abroad during their course of study. An internship provides valuable work experience as well as cultural and language enhancement. Through the generosity of the Sturm Endowment Scholarship, two students were able to participate in internships abroad in 2010. Below are excerpts from their experience.

Amy Gros, Sturm Endowment Scholarship Recipient, 2010

This internship was a great experience because it allowed me to apply the skills I have been learning throughout college, in both German and engineering, to a real job. It gave me the confidence of knowing that I am capable of applying my abilities in not only the classroom, but also in an engineering occupation. I learned a great deal about myself personally, and that I am able to live on my own in a foreign country, although I did have a great deal of assistance from those around me. [...]

I really enjoyed the time I was able to spend not only gaining experience in my future career field, but also being able to practice and improve my communication skills in a language that I have always enjoyed studying. It is an experience I feel I learned a great deal from and will never forget.

Thank you so much to my parents, the German department, all of my German professors, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Sturm for affording me this amazing opportunity, which is more than just an asset to my future career endeavors but was also a life lesson.

Jessica Roossien, Sturm Endowment Scholarship Recipient, 2010

For three months, I was truly a princess. I lived in a castle, had grand adventures in the city of Salzburg, met individuals from exotic countries, and made friends with people very different from myself.



The ability to travel to Salzburg and encounter such a variety of individuals has truly given me depth and insight in communicating with and understanding others. Passion for people and the care of patients

was evident throughout the summer and made me enthusiastic to begin my own career as a nurse.

All of this of course, would not have been possible without the generosity and opportunity provided by all involved in supporting the American Austrian Foundation. For this I am so grateful and pray that other students will have the opportunity to experience the life changing and life challenging experience that I have been blessed with.