



J-1 Intern Visa Services

GACC Midwest
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Bringing the world to your company

GACC Midwest, with the support of GACC South, is available to help your company hire international interns under the J-1 Intern visa program.

The J-1 Internship program bridges the gap between formal education and practical work experience. The purpose of the J-1 Internship program is to gain international work experience and cross-cultural understanding in the US for when they return to their home country.

Why hire international interns?

- Gain fresh perspectives to enrich problem-solving and foster creativity on your team
- Bridge cross-cultural barriers to enhance intercultural communication and create a dynamic multicultural atmosphere in the workplace
- Establish professional networks across borders
- Provide young professionals from other countries the opportunity to live, work and learn in the US!

What GACC Midwest offers:

- Support and Guidance for Host Company and Intern candidates throughout the application and US Consulate interview process
- On-program support for Host Company and Interns
- Cultural activities and events in Chicago area
- Opportunities to connect with other interns in the Midwest region



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J-1 INTERNSHIP VISA FACTS

- J-1 intern visas are regulated by the US Department of State
- J-1 internship programs can be 3 weeks (minimum) - 12 Months (maximum) in length
- GACC Midwest is authorized to support the following occupational categories:
 - Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, Industrial Occupations
 - Management, Business, Commerce and Finance
- 18,719 interns from around the world participated in the J-1 intern program in the US in 2024.

J-1 VISA PROCESS ROADMAP

1. Submit Registration

Intern submits registration to j1visa@gaccmidwest.org



3. Submit Application Materials

Intern and Host Company submit application materials, with close support from GACC Midwest's J-1 Visa Services team (1-2 weeks)



5. Schedule Interview at US Consulate

Intern schedules in-person interview at US Consulate in their home country (wait time dependent upon US Consulate)



7. Intern Approved to Enter US on J-1 Visa

Intern can enter US on J-1 visa and begin their internship on approved program start date



2. Receive Application Materials

Intern and Host Company receive application materials via email from GACC Midwest



4. Application is Processed

GACC Midwest J-1 Visa Services processes application and issues DS-2019 form, which allows Intern to apply for J-1 visa through a US Consulate (1 week)



6. US Consulate Sends Materials Back to Intern

US Consulate sends J-1 Visa and passport back to Intern 1-2 weeks after interview



8. 24/7 Support Provided

GACC Midwest J-1 Visa Services team provides 24/7 emergency support throughout internship program



IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT HIRING AN INTERNATIONAL INTERN, GACC MIDWEST IS COMMITTED TO OFFERING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO INTERNS AND HOST COMPANIES ALIKE.



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