

# INTERNSHIP IN CHINA

## Chengdu American Center

### General Introduction to G-MEO Internship in China Program

G-MEO Internships provide students with an opportunity to gain real-world experience in a global marketplace. Our internships provide professional skill-building with focused placements that complement the goals and interests of each student. Since Spring 2013, about 136 G-MEO students have done the internship program. The students can also take the Professional Development and Experiential Learning course for credit while doing their internship.



*Students were interviewed at WinPower, a local tech-finance company*



*Students were introduced to CEGOS, a corporate training center*



*Valerie from SUNAR Living (Chengdu) Co., LTD introduced the company and relevant projects*

### Internship Highlights from Fall 2020

This Fall semester, we had 12 students doing our credit-bearing internship program. They interned at a local business company, a finance corporation, a community service center, and a corporate training center. They assisted their supervisors with financing services, operations administration, activity organization, public service account operations, summit conferences, and more. We believe the students have learned a lot and grown from doing our internship program.



*Prof. Adam Ecklund with his Fall 2020 Professional Development and Experiential Learning class*

## Faculty Voice

"A few weeks ago around 5:00a.m., my alarm sounded. It was time to get up to teach my evening course: Professional Development and Experiential Learning in China. This particular morning was different because I was experiencing internet issues and could not connect to Zoom. Immediately, I jumped in the car and drove to the nearest Starbucks to use their internet. However, I forgot that Starbucks is not currently open for inside seating because of Covid, so I quickly grabbed an outside table. To make matters more interesting, it was cold and began to rain! There was nothing ordinary about this morning. Yet, in all honesty this past year has been anything but normal, except in those moments during class where the education offers us familiarity and joy. Not being in China for this semester has been difficult, but teaching these students has been life-giving. It keeps me connected to the G-MEO program and all the wonderful experiences the students are having in Chengdu. I am truly grateful for my students and their engagement, all while offering me a bit of the ordinary, even if rain and chaos is all around me."

**-- Dr. Adam Ecklund, Professor of Professional Development and Experiential Learning class**



*Shihui Hu (on the left) with her coworker at Laiwai Here, which provides Expat Life Services to foreigners in Chengdu, China*

## Selected Student Voice

"The internship course I took this semester really helped me identify more career opportunities in Chengdu and beyond. I also got to develop my skills in teamwork, time management, and project documentation, and build a better foundation of professional preparation. I especially got to see what the China and Asia focused job market is like, how the regional culture affects their way of thinking, communication methods, collaboration models, and business development."

**-- Tianyi Guo, International Relations major, interned at CEGOS**



*Yuxiao Cao (on the left) with her internship supervisor*

"In this internship program, I mainly worked with the WinPower Marketing Department, and I was very glad to get to know many of my colleagues and my supervisor. In the company, I was mainly responsible for writing official documents and press releases, as well as interviewing the internal personnel of the company. I gained a deeper understanding of WinPower by writing official documents and experiencing its unique corporate culture through interviews."

**-- Yuxiao Cao, Finance major, interned at WinPower**

**"Congratulations to all internship students for their achievements and for taking a step further in their career development!" - G-MEO**

## Selected Internship Supervisor Assessment

"The goals of the internship were to train our student's basic skills in the Marketing Department. Her performance on every assignment was good. She developed skills in organizing data using Excel and became more familiar with government and corporation materials. She was quite good at time management, eager to learn, and very careful with each assignment. I hope she will keep her highly efficient work ethic and serious attitude towards everything."

**-- Ms. Liao, Internship Supervisor at WinPower**

"During her internship with us, Sylvia successfully fulfilled her tasks and made some personal achievements, such as creating WeChat articles, helping with event planning, and being a great help to our team... She is also good at communication...with her excellent English skills, she was able to help us to communicate with international expats and provide the services needed. My advice for her is that it is always good to think before asking and to have faith in yourself. Furthermore, with so many things on your plate, one always needs to practice time management and to make the best of it. We sincerely appreciate her help, and wish her a joyful and promising future, and of course stay healthy."

**-- Nadia Kang, Internship Supervisor at Laowai Here**



*Dingfeng Xu (second to the right) at an enterprise salon forum*

*A China-Germany forum that three internship students assisted in organizing*



## Selected Student Voice

"My overall working quality has improved during this internship, especially when it comes to communication skills, problem-solving, and decision-making. A person's behavior and speech in the workplace can reflect their emotional intelligence. I found that these skills helped a lot in my professional life: properly handling the relationship between myself and my superior, learning to control my own rebellious emotions, and judging rationally and accepting different voices when I hear opinions that differ from my own. In addition, I learned to listen and to be good at reflecting other people's feelings by observing their eyes."

**-- Zhilan Ma, Finance major, interned at WinPower**

"I didn't get paid for my internship, but I felt I got something more valuable. I gained the ability to use time management. I learned how to strike a balance between life and work, such as making arrangements so that my work can be completed smoothly and with high quality without affecting my studies, or even my leisure time. I also gained the ability to learn quickly. The internship period was relatively short, and it was conducted online and offline. My supervisor couldn't teach me hand in hand every day like a teacher. Many things need to be learned and used immediately. It is a critical ability to be able to seize every opportunity to enrich ourselves."

**-- Meng Xie, Business Administration major, interned at SUNAR Living (Chengdu) Co., LTD**