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Swissnex China is an initiative of the Swiss State Secretariat for Education and Research of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Similar institutions are located in Boston, San Francisco, and Singapore. Their goal is to fully exploit the potential of cooperation between Switzerland and the respective host countries in the fields of higher education, research, technology, innovation, and culture and to promote Switzerland as one of the leading countries in those domains.

As of the summer 2010, one to two internships for Masters students or faculty members can be offered under the patronage of swissnex China and the Rector's Conference of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences KFH. The duration of stay is four to six months at a time. 50% of the working hours are designated for swissnex, the other 50% may be used for individual study projects.

Swissnex China offers workplace and infrastructure, organizes accommodation, and assists the students in organizational and content-related matters. Students are involved in the events.

The students from the following fields of study are given the preference: Visual Communication, Conveyance / Art / Design, Computer Sciences, Economic Sciences, Journalism, and Educational Sciences.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



Rector's Conference of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences KFH
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Application:

The following documents are required for students interested in applying:

1. Completed application form
2. Letter of recommendation by the head of the study course or a professor
3. Cover letter

The application form can be downloaded from the KFH website. The application dossier is to be addressed to the Swiss UAS China Delegate. E-Mail: china@kfh.ch

Deadlines:

Application deadline is October 31st 2010 for next Spring Term (the internship starts on March 1st, 2011). The applicants will be informed about the decision regarding their candidacy within two months. No correspondence is conducted regarding the ongoing selection process.

Selection Procedure:

Delegates of the KFH make a decision together with representatives of the swissnex China after an invitation to a personal interview.

Working Language:

English

Payment:

500 CHF / month will be paid by students' registering university.

Access to Courts:

There is no right to appeal regarding the allocation of the internships.

Commitment:

Upon accepting the internship, the following commitments apply:

1. 50% work performance for the swissnex China in consultation with the KFH and the study administration.
2. Setup of the individual study program in consultation with the corresponding study course administration. Swissnex China may support the establishment of the necessary contacts with the local universities.
3. Final report for the attention of the KFH / swissnex / home university within two months upon completing the internship.

Experiences of Interns

Spring Term 2010

Name: Romano

First Name: Angelo

Function: Internship

In China: First time

Duration: March - September 2010



Wie hast Du die Zeit bei swissnex China/im Austauschprogramm erlebt und was hat dir besonders gefallen?

Ich habe mein Austauschprogramm sehr genossen und genieße es immer noch. Besonders gut, gefiel mir die Vielfalt an Kompetenzen die in swissnex China aufeinander treffen.

Nenne uns ein paar Gründe, wieso Du einen Einsatz bei swissnex China empfehlen kannst?

1. Du erhältst die Möglichkeit deine Kreativität einzusetzen und auszuleben.
2. Die Inhalte von swissnex erlauben Einblicke in die chinesische Kultur.
3. Begegnungen genossen, die ich schätze.
4. Dir wird nie langweilig :)

Welche Erwartungen hattest du und wurden diese erfüllt?

Ich bin ohne Erwartungen nach China gereist. Eher mit gewissen Imaginationen, die sich letztendlich als falsch entlarvt haben.

Was war Dein überraschendstes Erlebnis in China?

Sprache ist nicht notwendig um ein Kommunikation zu führen.

Schildere uns ein unfreundliches Erlebniss in China?

Um Einblick hinter die Kulisse zu haben ist die Sprache letztlich notwendig.

Welche positiven Erfahrungen nimmst Du zurück in die Schweiz?

Die Unkomplizierte Art und Weise Widerstände zu meistern.



Name: Mühlethaler

First Name: Efa

Function: Internship

In China: First time

Duration: 15 March - 15 June 2010

How have you experienced the time at swissnex China and what did you like best?

My time in swissnex is a very exciting and intense time. The thing I liked the most about swissnex was the interesting, inspiring and warm climated environment.

Tell us some reasons, why you could recommend an internship or a sabbatical at swissnex China?

To spend some time in a different culture is in general a mind opener. An internship at swissnex helps to assimilate in the foreign and new world easily. Furthermore it is a rich experience to work in the fields of higher education, research, technology and to get an idea of the network and cooperation between Swiss and Chinese. The job in swissnex opens many possibility to learn about the fast changing, modern culture of China.

What were your expectations for the internship / sabbatical and have they been fulfilled?

I didn't have great expectations when I arrived in Shanghai. I was positively surprised of the warm welcome and the rapid acceptance in the team of swissnex. I'm impressed of the broad range of different tasks and application areas, which make the internship in this institution very interesting.

What was the most surprising experience you had in China?

It is very interesting to see how communication works without understanding the language.

Did you have unfriendly experience in China?

I'm happy I didn't have till now. Touch wood.

What kind of positive experiences are you taking back to Switzerland?

First of all I take a huge amount of images (in my head) and pictures (in my computer) back home. On the other side I learned much about a different way to approach life. This is very instructive because it changes my way to look at things.