



Welcome to IAESTE LC Bonn



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Information for New members
LC Bonn

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About IAESTE

The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience, Association sans but lucratif (non-profit association), commonly known as IAESTE A.s.b.l. is an association of national committees representing academic, industrial and student interests.

We serve 4000 students, 3000 employers, and 1000 academic institutions through career-focused professional internships abroad, social and intercultural reception programs, international networking and other career and employer branding activities in more than 80 countries worldwide.

History

In the aftermath of World War II, a new spirit pervaded the world: a desire for international understanding and cooperation. It was this spirit that brought forth both the United Nations (UN) and IAESTE, organizations dedicated to promoting these objectives.

The association was founded in January 1948 at the Imperial College, London, on the initiative of the Imperial College Vacation Work Committee. National Organizations from ten European countries attended this meeting and became Members and Mr. James Newby was elected General secretary. The geographical coverage soon spread to most of Europe and beyond, as new countries were granted membership. The association became a registered body according to Luxembourg Law at its General conference 2005 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Aims

1. To offer employers well-qualified and motivated trainees
2. To be a source of cultural enrichment for trainees and their host communities
3. To provide students technical experience related to their studies

Mission

1. To promote international understanding, cooperation and trust among students, academic institutions, employers and the wider community.
2. To operate a high-quality practical training exchange program between members in order to enhance technical and professional development.
3. To operate irrespective of race, color, gender, culture, religious or political beliefs, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

Our core values

In IAESTE we are committed to fostering international understanding and impacting the development of young people through international exchange. Our core values serve as a foundation for our strong organizational culture and as the principles that guide all our work and daily activities.

Our core values are:

1. Friendship
2. Trust
3. Respect
4. Professionalism
5. Development
6. Intercultural cooperation

IAESTE GERMANY

The Federal Republic of Germany has been a member of the IAESTE program since 1950 and is represented by the IAESTE's German Committee within the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The Federal Foreign Office (AA) provides IAESTE with funding.

In Germany, the National Committee (NC) is supplemented by numerous local committees (LC) at various higher education locations.

The National Committee

IAESTE's leading authority in each member country. National Committees are responsible for implementing the IAESTE exchange program at the national level. The organizational form and structure of the National Committee vary from country to country.

In Germany, the National Committee forms part of the DAAD section entitled "German Schools Abroad, Internships, Summer Schools".

The Local Committee

A national network of drop-in centers advises and supports students at German universities and higher education institutions seeking to organize a work placement abroad. These centers also support the international IAESTE interns completing placements at German companies and research or university institutes. The German IAESTE network includes student-run local committees and support centers located at the International Offices at the higher education institutions.

Internships abroad

IAESTE arranges subject-related work placements abroad for students of all technological subject areas and those related to the natural sciences.

Placements both in industry and at research institutes are available. The majority of IAESTE placements last for 2–3 months and frequently take place in summer. In general, the placements are paid, with salaries usually adjusted in line with country-specific student living costs. The IAESTE committee abroad will make suitable living arrangements for you and will be on hand to provide you with guidance at all times. IAESTE Germany will take care of all the necessary formalities on your behalf. For students registered on degree courses in Germany, these services are free of charge. This is made possible thanks to the IAESTE program's integration within the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Benefits

1. Free recruitment of paid, subject-related work placements. Salaries adequately cover country-related student living costs.
2. Support from the respective IAESTE National Committee prior to and during the placement. Help with formalities (e.g. visa), accommodation arrangements and organization of excursions and parties on-site in order to ensure the experience is perfect.
3. No need to embark on a laborious search for a placement. We provide you with a list of options, and all you have to do is submit the application. And, as far as that's concerned, the local committees will be happy to help you write yours.
4. Application for a travel grant for journeys to non-European countries possible (via the DAAD)
5. Create a global network of like-minded individuals.

Application process

Applications can only be made via IAESTE's local committees!

1. Register at the international used IAESTE exchange platform (EP) (<http://www.iaeste.net/>) as a student for sending your "pre-application".
2. Upload the following documents (in English language) to complete verification:
 - CV
 - Current transcript of records
 - A valid certificate of enrolment
 - Language certificate approving your English skills

3. After your verification, you should complete your profile so that we can search for a suitable internship offer for you.
4. The IAESTE Local committees accept applications all year round. But there is one main exchange period. This is mainly around spring/summer and the IAESTE committee accepts applications for the following year from October until the middle of January.
5. In around mid-February, the local committee will send you information about a work placement tailored to your qualifications, taking account of your preferred target country as far as possible.
6. If you are interested in accepting the offer of this work placement, now is the time to complete the application dossier and submit this to the local committee in March.
7. The application dossier is subsequently forwarded to the employer abroad via the national committees involved. Please note: in general, the application must have reached its international destination by 15th March.
8. If your application is successful, you will receive official confirmation of the same between mid-April and mid-/late May (depending on the placement's desired start date), in addition to the binding assurance that the international employer has consented to employ you as an intern.
9. The IAESTE Committee in the host country simultaneously issues all the documents required for the visa application or work permit. The National Committee in the placement country is the first port of call for the next step: preparing your stay.
10. After this, nothing should stand in the way of a successful work placement!

Working for IAESTE

Are you finding student life tedious, seeing the same people around you day in, day out and condemned to improving your language skills online? There is another way!

Why not participate in IAESTE? As a member of a Local Committee team, you'll have no trouble making international contacts in your town or city. IAESTE stands for a commitment from students for students in an informal team-based atmosphere. We welcome everyone who wants to work with us – from all departments. All duties associated with the Local Committee are easy to complete alongside full-time study and add variety to student life. Collaborating with us in the Local Committee is not associated with any obligations as such; we merely place great value on reliability and a sense of responsibility.

Reasons to work for IAESTE

1. Contrast your studies.

As a member of our Local Committee, you can perform a variety of tasks suited to your strengths and preferences: organizing excursions and accommodation, planning and implementing projects, advising other students and arranging placements...

2. Stays abroad

You have the chance to participate in countless enjoyable international meetings worldwide – practical international experience with a high fun factor – in over 80 countries around the globe! And you have a great chance for an excellent work placement abroad yourself!

3. International contacts

IAESTE – a global network. The association allows you to communicate with students from around the world. Exchange experiences, organize joint projects or maintain long-term friendships!

4. Social skills (soft skills)

All companies require these, but many students aren't able to deliver. At IAESTE, you invest in your own future – by dealing responsibly with your tasks on the Local Committee you can learn how to explain and defend your ideas when talking to others, hold discussions, negotiate with company representatives – and much more!

5. Teamwork

More heads are better than one where brainstorming is concerned. Then you decide on the way forward together with your team members... Teamwork is essential, both at IAESTE and later on in your professional life. Join IAESTE and boost your capacity for teamwork.

6. Use your foreign languages actively

Have your foreign language skills gotten a little rusty since leaving school? Or do you speak an exotic language? Through us, you can contact interns and students from around the world: Japan, Brazil, England, Finland... almost all of them speak English. It's the perfect opportunity to use a foreign language on a regular basis and improve your own skills. You'll quickly learn new terms directly from the source or can teach the interns to get their bearings in German.

7. Express your creativity

Are you talented when it comes to writing, drawing and speaking? But do you feel insufficiently challenged during your academic studies... or can't you find the right tasks and responsibilities? Talk to us – we can always use creative minds: for our articles, advertising, graphics, and layout.

8. Take responsibility

This is no alien concept to us. We perform tasks that require a high level of responsibility – and the gratitude and satisfaction of our interns show us that our efforts are more than worthwhile.

9. A world full of new acquaintances

IAESTE's global network is a great source of international friendships. And our wide-ranging projects mean that you're bound to meet again – somewhere...

10. It's FUN

Come and see for yourself. We look forward to meeting you!

