



Global Competencies Program



The Global Competencies Program has been specially designed for highly qualified and pre-screened senior students, recent graduates or graduate students currently enrolled in graduate school that are looking to immerse in a professional experience while intentionally learning about global and executive competencies needed to be successful in today's workforce.

The Washington Center understands that the new generation of young professionals need to attain key global skills in order to stand out from their peers to get a job and truly succeed in the workplace. In an increasingly globalized world, it takes more to be successful than it did in the past. A degree is only the beginning. Individuals must develop their critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, cross-cultural communication, innovative thinking and leadership in order to have the ability to achieve great things in their professional lives.

Program Components

- **Professional Development Training:** Participants will intern at their assigned internship location four days per week. Time spent at their internship location will help them gain a competitive edge in the job market as well as present them with numerous networking opportunities.
- **Global and Executive Competencies Sessions:** Every Friday participants will meet for three hours to learn about global and executive competencies. These sessions will provide and enhance the necessary professional global competencies to be successful in the workplace.
- **Mentorship and Networking Opportunities** during the semester.

Also included with the program:

- Access to TWC's Student Services, including career development, social and networking events
- Joining TWC's extensive alumni network including over 50,000
- Option to use TWC's convenient housing facilities (added housing fee)
- Processing of J-1 visa

Upon the completion of the program, participants will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of workforce needs and identify key global skills that are essential in the globalized workforce
- Strengthen the key global skills that they need to improve upon in order to be poised to become global leaders such as career marketing, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking, critical thinking, cross-cultural communication, innovative thinking, leadership, problem-solving, public speaking and advanced networking
- Create a Professional Development Plan to guide their time in Washington as well as throughout their career trajectory

Testimonial



Megan McElwee

Internship:
Save the Children
County:
Gibraltar

"The Washington Center (TWC) exceeded my expectations. My internship with Save the Children USA provided me with the confidence that this is the career path I want to pursue. My environment was warm, providing me with an exchange of international cultures, friendships and a genuinely welcoming community. Washington, D.C. is a professional hub, a city of young professionals who are all in similar positions. Stand out from the crowd and come to the nation's capital ready to find a path you may have never considered before."



The Washington Center Headquarters

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) is an educational organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C., for academic credit. The largest program of its kind, TWC has more than 50,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Through our programs, we strive to provide students with transformational experiences that foster academic and professional achievement, leadership and civic engagement.

At The Washington Center, you not only gain professional experience, but also great life experience. TWC participants have the option to live in our residential facilities located near Capitol Hill and Union Station, located on the north east side of Washington, D.C.

Advantages of Using TWC Housing:

- Guaranteed accommodations
- Avoid the stress of arranging a short-term contract
- Housing is furnished—all you need to bring to Washington, D.C. is your personal items
- Easy access to your internship and local resources via Metro or bus
- Available assistance, 24 hours a day provided by professional alumni in residence
- Community environment for living and interacting with your fellow interns

Important Dates and Deadlines

Fall 2016

Application Deadline: May 4, 2016
Check-In: August 24, 2016
Check-Out: December 10, 2016

Spring 2017

Application Deadline: October 15, 2016
Check-In: January 25, 2017
Check-Out: May 13, 2017

How to Apply

For recent **graduates or graduate students currently enrolled in graduate school**, please fill out the Online Application Form (<http://portal.e.twc.edu/>).

There is a deposit fee of \$250 (due upon acceptance into the program. This deposit is applied towards the program fee and is non-refundable)

Application Components:

- One-page Resume (US-style)
- 500-word Issues Essay
- TOEFL Score (or equivalent English language exam e.g. IELTS, TOEIC)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (in English)
- Official Transcript from university showing a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Copy of a valid passport

For **highly qualified and pre-screened senior students**, please fill out the Global Competencies Online Application Form at www.twc.edu/globalapp and submit the following documents:

- One-page Resume (US-style)
- TOEFL Score (or equivalent English language exam e.g. IELTS, TOEIC)
- Official Transcript from university showing a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

University seniors must be first nominated by a TWC's affiliated school, then fill out the initial application for an interview process by TWC's selection committee before submitting their comprehensive TWC application.

This program is ONLY for international students from outside the U.S. who received their undergraduate/bachelor's degree within 18 months of the start of the program, who are currently enrolled in graduate school, or who are in their senior year of university and have been pre-nominated to apply to this program.

Cost of Participation

- Program Fee: \$4,870
- Housing Fee: \$5,600 (Optional)

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