Leave Term Internship in Kuwait

Dartmouth College – American University of Kuwait Program

Apply by early February for the following Fall or Spring term.

While in Kuwait

Dartmouth interns work in various offices and/or departments according to their interests and the University’s needs. Past interns have worked in the Office of Student Life, the Biology Department, the Writing Center, Computer Science and the Intensive English Program, to name a few. The AUK program administrator works closely with each person to match him or her with the appropriate offices and/or departments before they arrive. Interns may also study Arabic, deepen their understanding of the Middle East and/or work with individual faculty members on research projects. They form lasting relationships, and join a growing group of Dartmouth and AUK students who have had this distinctive cross-cultural opportunity.

What’s Involved?

The Dartmouth College-American University of Kuwait (AUK) Internship Program gives Dartmouth students a unique leave term opportunity to be integrally involved in helping foster a new liberal arts university in a key part of the world. Since it began in 2005, twenty-eight Dartmouth students have held the ten-week internships, which take place during the spring or fall terms. AUK students also come to Dartmouth for a month in summer. Since 2007 thirty-two AUK students have come to Dartmouth. Preference is given to applicants who have taken coursework related to the Middle East or demonstrated in other ways a sustained interest in the Middle East or in international education, and who can illustrate how the internship will enhance their academic, career, and personal goals.

Funding

Covers airfare and ground transportation, and meals and incidentals. A portion is held out until a newsletter about the experience is submitted within 30 days after returning from Kuwait.

Questions?

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AUK is Kuwait’s first private liberal arts university. It is dedicated to providing students with knowledge, self-awareness, critical thinking skills, effective communication, and respect for diversity. With Dartmouth College as its international partner, AUK opened in September 2004. Dartmouth works closely with AUK faculty, administrators, and students on a range of issues related to creating a liberal arts environment based on the American model of higher education; classes are taught in English. Past Dartmouth interns have returned to the Middle East as Fulbright Scholars, while others have begun or continued to advance their study of Arabic and take a more active interest in the region. Students apply for the internship in early February and are selected by a committee made up of the Dartmouth-AUK program staff and faculty.

To read the newsletters from past interns, visit our website and click on Student Experiences: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~aukproject/.

Considerations

Note 1: If you cancel participation in the intern program prior to travel to Kuwait for any reason other than a Department of State travel warning designating Kuwait as a high risk country, you are obliged to return the travel advance to Dartmouth College.

Note 2: You are responsible for your own health insurance that will work in Kuwait.

Dartmouth participates in the International SOS program, administered by Risk and Internal Controls Services in which you are automatically enrolled as a student. We strongly encourage you to create a personal on-line account with ISOS with your medical, family and emergency information before your departure for Kuwait. More information about ISOS can be found at: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~rmi/rmstravel/.