

Study Mission for Educational Leaders and School to School Programs

Way back in 1967 when Partnership International e.V. was still called the Fulbright-Society, Cologne, our school to school partnerships as well as our student short term programs between the United States of Amerika and Germany started. How important these programs still are may be judged upon the success of GAPP, a program which was modelled after our program outlines and only recently celebrated it's 25th anniversary.

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Liebe Familie,

der Austausch vergeht wie im Flug
und meine Familie ist dadurch ein
ganzes Stück größer geworden,
ich übrigens auch :)

Eine dicke Umarmung
aus der Ferne



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Partnership International e.V.,

formerly Fulbright-Society, Cologne,

is a volunteer based, non-profit exchange organization founded by Fulbright alumni in 1961. Former US Senator J. William Fulbright served as Partnership's Honorary President until he died in 1995. For more than 50 years, Partnership has been organizing international exchange programs for young students. Our exchange programs range from short-term (3 to 4 weeks) to long-term (a semester or an entire academic year). They involve living with a family and attending a school abroad. Programs offer the opportunity to live in the United States of America, England, Ireland, South Africa, Argentina, China, Taiwan, Brazil, Colombia and Poland. Partnership also offers programs for high school principals and teachers from the United States and Argentina, as well as exchange programs for students wanting to visit Germany. These programs are a once in a lifetime chance to experience new socio-cultural environments, which enables participants to share new concepts with other people. Partnership International e.V. is a member of the International Confederation of Principals (ICP) and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET).

Study Mission for Administrators and Educational Leaders

Partnership International e.V., Cologne, in cooperation with local school boards has arranged various one - week study missions to Germany. International principals and educational leaders are invited to take part in this excellent experience. During the program they are hosted by English speaking German principals. The main focus is five days exposure to German education at various school levels. Principals will experience the everyday tasks of a German administrator: observe different classroom activities, and see first hand how the educational system is designed for reaching high academic standards. They are invited to experience the unique 'dual system', combining apprenticeship and academic training. It is worth seeing how the enforcement of close cooperation between industries and schooling helps establish common goals, and financial funding.

The latest developments in Germany have been asking for more students to select the vocational training systems that include general education and guarantee university entrance in their special subjects. The German educational system also includes early tracking for highly motivated and intelligent students, who attend college prep schools at no extra cost.

We invite you to be part of our principal exchange programs.

School-Programs for Students

Program-Outline

The program is academic. It is designed to give students an insight into a different culture and way of life by living with a family and attending school in a foreign country. Open-minded and flexible students, between the ages of 15 and 17, are invited to apply for this "once in a lifetime" experience.

Insurance

All students taking part in the program will have sufficient insurance coverage. It covers health, accident, and third party liability.

Liability

Schools and host families do not assume liability for the duration of this 3-week-program.

Host families

Host families are asked to provide students with room and board. No expenses shall be paid to host families for food, private trips, etc. The students have their own spending money to cover their personal expenses. As cultural differences exist, host families should be open-minded and flexible. Host families should treat the visiting students the same way they treat their own children. This includes chores and duties (for example: cleaning their room). The chaperone will be available to answer any questions that may arise during the program.

School attendance

Students attend school on a regular basis like their partners. Students will follow their partners' schedule and shadow them during the time of the program. If students have no host siblings attending the same school, the student will be assigned to another student by the coordinator. The students are not 'exchange students', instead, they are 'visiting students'. Although the status of a visiting student is different from that of an exchange student, class teachers are asked to make sure that the visiting students take an active part in class, do their homework on a regular basis and also take part in exams and tests. Grading is optional, i.e. not required by the program.

Group sessions

In cooperation with the school, there will be one class period a week, preferably Wednesday afternoon, when the chaperone will have a session with the group of visiting students at the hosting school.

Outings/field-trips

To make sure the program will not be mistaken for a touristy event, the visiting students will be taking part in only one or two field trips. Dates and destination will be scheduled in cooperation with the hosting school. The help of the coordinating teacher(s) and/or the school principal in developing ideas for educational outings is very much appreciated.

Responsibilities of Partnership International e.V.

A honorary member of Partnership International e.V., will chaperone the group of students for the entire duration of the program. Partnership International e.V., will select students for the program based on written application and interview. There will be two pre-departure orientations for all visiting students in their home country to prepare for the program. Orientations will include information about different cultures, laws, and regulations.

Responsibilities of the hosting school

The school will assign a staff member to act as a coordinator. The coordinator keeps in touch with the chaperone before the students arrive (via fax or email) to discuss all program details. He or she will match the students with potential host families and will forward this information to Partnership International e.V. before the program starts. It is advisable to have two extra families lined up in case a student needs to switch families.

Return visit

To make the exchange experience possible to a great number of students on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, the school is invited to participate in a return visit. The same arrangements will apply. A teacher or principal will form a group of up to 12 students and visit a German school for up to three weeks at their convenience. The best time to visit Germany will be before school ends in the summer (mostly May or June). Private arrangements for individual visits between the students have increased over the past years and are regarded as being extremely positive. Although the return visit is not compulsory for the hosting school, it is very much appreciated.

Cost

Students are asked to pay a fee, to cover flights and insurance. Students are asked to bring some pocket money for personal expenses. The money collected for field trips is about USD 210 per student depending on duration and destination of the trip(s). As Partnership International e.V. is a non-profit, organization sponsoring international exchange programs for high school students and principals, there will be no extra or hidden costs for the participants apart from the program fee. For the return visit, the school will be responsible for calculating their own program fee. Partnership International e.V. will be happy to help find the best deals on airfare and insurance. Upon request Partnership International e.V. will also obtain quotes for field trips in Germany to help the school calculate their budget for the trip.

Support

Partnership International e.V. will be happy to support you in finding a partner school for your exchange program. Inquiries should be directed to our Head office in Cologne: Partnership International e.V., Hansaring 85, D-50670 Cologne, Germany, T: +49-221-9139733, email: office@partnership.de

Program information is also available on our website: www.partnership.de

Program dates:

German Students visiting the U.S. (2-3 weeks around the time of): 2012, April 1-15 or October 7-21
2013, March 24-April 7 or October 20-November 3