

Gaining Technical Experience through International Exchange Purpose, Planning, and People

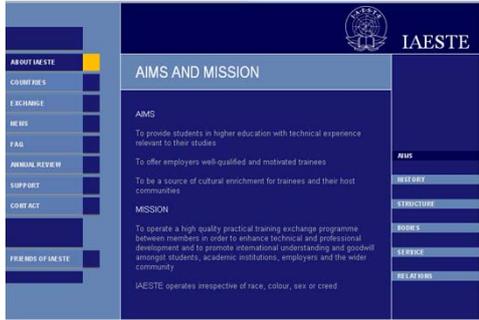
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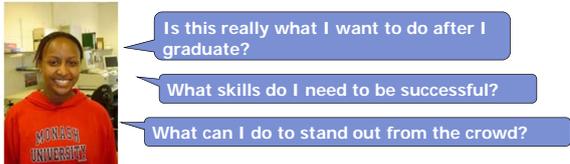
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<http://www.iaeste.org/about/index.html>

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International internship is a fact finding mission

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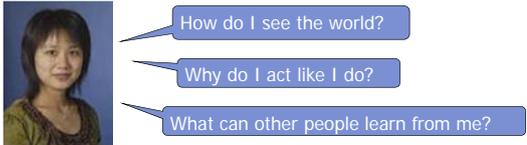


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- What can I learn from other people's perspectives?
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 - Through the internship experience, *look at yourself...*



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- Why do I act like I do?
- What can other people learn from me?

International internship is a chance to open your eyes and those of the people around you

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- The aims of IAESTE
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- Are you well-qualified?
 - Find out where you are going.
 - Find out what the company mission is.
 - Find out what the job involves.
- Are you motivated?
 - If yes, show it - be **proactive** (not reactive)
 - If no, think about what you are worried about? Have you planned enough?

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- Develop your English communication skills!
 - Learn to work *through* English. (English is a tool)
 - Try to be confident even when you know you are making mistakes
 - Don't get stuck on one word
 - Be adventurous, but not sloppy or careless
- Remember to be comprehensible
 - Be careful not to use *katakana* English
 - Be careful not to end *every* word with a vowel
 - Try **shadowing** as a way to improve your speed, intonation, stress, and pronunciation

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 - 1. The lecture was a diverse mix of world history and contemporary issues.
 - 2. India is a vast melting pot of different races and cultures.
 - 3. An interview in front of a TV camera is intimidating to most of us.
 - 4. The government took vigorous measures to accelerate economic growth.
 - 5. I've decided to transfer to another college after my sophomore year.

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People: Everyone is part of a team



- **“Ouchy ... had little difficulty in fitting into our practice culture and work.”**
 - Do you prefer to work on your own or with other people?
 - Learn to listen to other people's ideas, but don't forget your own.
 - If people don't understand you, they can't (won't) work with you.
 - Learn to communicate your ideas, suggestions, comments, and feelings

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International internship provides an opportunity to...

...find out about yourself

...find out about the world

...find out your future



It is an experience you will never forget....

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