

# Professional Experience Program in New York

## Info Sheet for Students

What is PEP?	<p>PEP is your opportunity to gain valuable work experience in an international environment. The program includes an internship in a company/organization in the New York metropolitan area, a one-week preparatory skills seminar and a virtual workshop after your time abroad. Campus OWL New York will match you with one of our partnering companies/organizations depending on your field of study and/or previous work experience. The internship will last for approx. 11 weeks giving you the chance to get to know the company/organization, grow with new challenges, learn what it means to be working abroad and enhance your future employability.</p>
Website	<a href="http://www.campus-owl.org/experience-abroad">www.campus-owl.org/experience-abroad</a>
Duration	3 months, April-June 2022
Who Can Apply?	<p>Students must be enrolled at one of the five OWL universities (Bielefeld University, Paderborn University, Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences, OWL University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Detmold University of Music).</p> <p>Possible fields of study:</p> <p>Business/Economics, Engineering, Sound Engineering, Architecture, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities</p> <p>J-1 visa holders are excluded from activities such as teaching, health/medical, and in the arts (musicians, singers).</p>
Call for Applications	<p>Publication date: June 15, 2021</p> <p>Deadline for applications: August 15, 2021</p> <p>See call for applications for further details on required documents.</p>

Visa	A J-1 visa is required for an internship in the U.S. You will apply for the visa only after you have been chosen to take part in PEP. The German American Chamber of Commerce in New York will be your visa sponsor. Campus OWL New York will cover the 700\$ fee for issuance of the DS-2019 (certificate of eligibility for the J-1 visa). You will have to cover the costs for the SEVIS fee (ca. 200€) and the U.S. Consulate fee for the visa (ca. 130€). In order to obtain your visa, you must make an in-person appointment with the nearest US embassy (usually Frankfurt).
Health Insurance	You will need sufficient health insurance for your stay in the U.S. Talk to your health insurance company about your insurance coverage abroad or inquire about the DAAD group insurance. A travel health insurance does not suffice.
Accommodation	During the one week-long preparatory skills-seminar accommodation is provided by Campus OWL New York. For the remaining time of your internship, you are responsible to find and pay for a place to stay.
Estimated Living Expenses	Living in NY is expensive. We estimate that you will need approx. \$1500-\$2000 per month (accommodation \$900-\$1400, \$127 metro card, \$300 living expenses, \$30 phone plan etc. – estimated costs per month). <i>Not all internships will be in NYC, but in the New York metropolitan area.</i>
Afterwards	After your return you will take part in the final seminar “Unpack your Internship Experience” which will be held virtually with the goal to reflect on the professional and intercultural experience and how to make use of it for future career planning. You are also expected to write a short report about your experience. This will be helpful for future participants and a great opportunity for you to reflect on your time abroad and your newly acquired skills.
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