

International Internship Program Established

The Oregon International Internship Program, a partnership between OSSHE's Chancellor's Office, the Oregon Economic Development Department, and several agencies in Oregon and abroad, will establish a network of internships in cooperation with participating companies and organizations and their international counterparts. The program provides a framework for participating OSSHE students to include international internship experiences in their degree programs.

OSSHE received a \$4 million grant from the U.S. government to establish the new program as a national pilot project.

Under the terms of the program, OSSHE students will develop internship plans related to their academic degrees and serve as interns with northwest

companies. The students will then travel to foreign locations for additional study and extended internship programs. Following their internships, the students will return to the initial company and provide information about their foreign experience, then complete the cycle, returning to their campuses to complete degree studies.

Internship placements will be developed primarily in locales where OSSHE has established programs, contacts, and networks, and where Oregon-based companies have interests. Countries that meet these initial criteria include Germany, Mexico, and Japan.

Each OSSHE campus has a program coordinator in place, and the first internship placements will be made this summer.