

StudyUSA Higher Education Consultants Ltd. (StudyUSA) together with CIEE, a U.S. leader in educational exchange ([www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org)) is offering the Internship (INT) and Professional Career Training (PCT) Programs to students studying or working in Cyprus who would like to gain work experience in the U.S.

Please read below for more information.

### **What is the Professional Career Training (PCT) Program?**

The Professional Career Training (PCT) program gives you the opportunity work in the United States for up to twenty months and is for students who have graduated and have some work experience. StudyUSA is the official representative of CIEE, the largest educational exchange organization in the United States, and it is through CIEE that we are able to offer this program in Cyprus. To read about CIEE and this program in detail, please visit their [www.ciee.org/intern](http://www.ciee.org/intern).

Students can apply either as **Self-Placed** or **Placed** students under this program:

- **Self-Placed:** Students who have secured their own internships in the U.S. may apply as *Self-Placed* students. In this case, students would already have job offers when applying for this program and would only pay the PCT Program Fee.

If you would like to try to locate your own internship, please read CIEE's suggestions on how to secure an internship at: <https://www.ciee.org/in-the-usa/research-training/intern-professional-training/for-interns/find-internship> . CIEE also keeps a list of available internships on their website <http://available-internships.ciee.org/>. We have had students secure internships through these suggestions so please do not be discouraged! We have also had students secure job placements through their universities in Cyprus so please also speak to your professors.

- **Placed:** Students who do not have job offers and need assistance in securing an internship would apply as *Placed* students. **Only students in the field of tourism and culinary studies** can apply for placement. We cannot secure internships in any other fields. In this case, StudyUSA, together with CIEE or Internship International would locate an appropriate internship opportunity for the student. The cost of this program includes the PCT Program Fee **plus** a Placement Fee of \$1,650.

### **Eligibility Requirements for the PROFESSIONAL CAREER TRAINING Program:**

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be either a graduate from an accredited post-secondary institution in Cyprus with one year of work experience in Cyprus related to your proposed field of your training, or have five years of relevant work experience in Cyprus.
- Have at least a 2.5 out of 4.0 or 7 out of 10 CGPA on your most recent university transcript.
- Be able to function in an English-speaking work environment.
- Complete an English language interview, in person or by telephone, by StudyUSA Higher Education Consultants
- With or without a job offer/internship from a valid U.S. employer

### How to apply for the PCT Program

Students must submit the following either by email ([gulsen@studyusa.com.cy](mailto:gulsen@studyusa.com.cy)) or by mail to the Fulbright Center:

- The CIEE Internship/PCT application- with supporting documents as listed on the application
- University/college transcripts for all years attended.
- Passport copy- Must be valid
- Self-Placed students must have secured their own jobs before applying

### The Cost of the PCT Program:

- The initial application to apply is free.
- The below fees will apply once the applicant has been approved. The exact fees depend on the length of the internship and whether the student is **Self-Placed** or **Placed**. There is an additional Placement Fee to locate internships for Placed students. Please see fee chart below which also includes the cancellation policy.
- Return flight to and from the U.S.

Professional Career Training (PCT) Program Fee	
Duration in Months	Fees (\$)
0-3 months	\$1,291
4 months	1,382
5 months	1,479
6 months	1,582
7 months	1,672
8 months	1,775
9 months	1,866
10 months	1,963
11 months	2,066
12 months	2,157
13 months	2,259
14 months	2,350
15 months	2,447
16 months	2,549
17 months	2,641
18 months	2,743
19 months	2,834
20 months	2,931

Placement Fee (Only for Placed Students in the Field of Tourism and Culinary Arts)	
	Fees (\$)
<b>This fee is in addition to the above Internship Program Fee</b>	\$1,650
<i>Note: Initial Interview Fee of \$300 is paid before job interview</i>	

Additional Fees	
Visa Fees	Fees (\$)
Visa application fee	\$160
SEVIS Fee	\$180
Return Flight to the U.S.	
Varies	\$1,000-\$1,500
<b>An additional amount of at least \$1000 available in order to support yourself upon arrival in the U.S.</b>	\$1,000

### Example Fees:

Student A who has already secured a 6-month internship in the U.S. will pay:

- \$1,582 (6-month PCT Program Fee) +
- \$160 visa fee, +
- \$180 SEVIS Fee +
- Round trip flight to U.S.
- \$1,000 (this should be in the student's bank account to support himself/herself the first few weeks before first salary is paid)

Student B who wants to work in the U.S. for 16 months but needs our help finding and internship (He is applying as a Placed student) will pay:

- \$1,650 (Placement Fee for StudyUSA to locate job for student) +
- \$2,549 (16-month PCT Program Fee) +
- \$160 visa fee +
- \$180 SEVIS Fee +
- Round trip flight to U.S.
- \$1,000 (this should be in the student's bank account to support himself/herself the first few weeks before first salary is paid)

### What do the Fees Cover?

- Screening for program
- Pre-departure orientation
- U.S. Sponsor support throughout the duration of the program
- Visa and SEVIS application assistance
- Travel insurance
- For Placed students there is an additional Placement Fee, which covers the cost of CIEE or International Internships locating the student an internship.

### **Please note:**

The application process can take several months. If an applicant asks for an **expedited application**, there is an additional fee of **\$1,350**

**If a site visit is required, an additional fee is \$300.**

**A site visit may only be required if CIEE has to visit a self-placed student's prospective place of employment to verify the site.**

### **Cancellation Policy**

- **Standard Cancellation Fee** – The INT/PCT USA applicant will be charged a \$350 USD Standard Cancellation Fee for all cancellations occurring before a DS-2019 has been printed. The INT/PCT USA applicant will be charged a \$450 USD Standard Cancellation Fee for all cancellations occurring after a DS-2019 has been printed. To receive the refund of program fees for cancellations after the DS-2019 is printed, the INT/PCT USA applicant must return the original DS-2019 to AG StudyUSA.
- **Visa Cancellation Fee** – If the application is cancelled because of the local consulate's refusal to grant a visa, the Visa Cancellation Fee of \$300 USD will be charged (instead of the Standard Cancellation Fee) provided that the INT/PCT USA applicant provides AG StudyUSA with acceptable evidence of visa refusal. The visa application fee of \$160 submitted to the U.S. embassy is non-refundable.
- **SEVIS Cancellation Fee** – The U.S. government SEVIS fee of \$180 USD is non-refundable and will be charged, in addition to all AG StudyUSA cancellation fees. Please note that the SEVIS fee is subject to change.
- **Expedited Application Cancellation Fee** – The INT/PCT USA applicant will be charged the \$1350 USD expedited fee for all expedited applications that were cancelled after the DS-2019 form has been printed.
- **Site Visit Cancellation Fee** – If an application is cancelled after a site visit has been conducted but prior to DS-2019 production, a cancellation fee of \$100 USD will be charged to the INT/PCT USA applicant. If an application is cancelled after a site visit has been conducted and after the DS-2019 has been produced, the INT/PCT USA applicant will be charged a fee of \$100 USD in addition to the Standard Cancellation Fee referenced above. If an application is denied by CIEE after a site visit has been conducted, a fee of \$100 USD will be charged to the applicant.
- **J-2 Dependent Cancellation Fee** – The INT/PCT USA applicant will be charged a \$100 USD cancellation fee for all J-2 cancellations regardless of whether it is a standard cancellation or a visa cancellation.