2008 Summer Application

Princeton in Asia
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WHAT IS PRINCETON IN ASIA?

Princeton in Asia (PiA) is an independent, non-profit organization located at Princeton University. Founded by students in 1898, the program has long been driven by a mission to foster cross-cultural understanding between Asians and Americans by giving young people opportunities to live and work in Asia. As employees of a variety of Asian institutions, PiA interns gain work experience while providing valuable services to their Asian hosts. It is PiA’s vision that through extended exposure to Asian workplaces and cultures, interns will develop a life-long appreciation for that region of the world.

In the summer of 2008, PiA will offer a small number of short term internships in Asia. The post-graduate program will offer approximately 115 full-year internships in the following countries: Cambodia, China/Hong Kong, East Timor, Japan, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, The Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

WHAT IS PiA LOOKING FOR IN ITS SUMMER PROGRAM APPLICANTS?
The PiA summer internship programs are only offered to Princeton undergraduates. We’re looking for openminded, self-motivated, enthusiastic, and hardworking students. Previous travel and cross-cultural experience is helpful but not essential. While some positions require specific academic preparation or journalism experience, the teaching internships are open to all undergraduates. Those interested in applying for teaching positions should have (or plan to have) some experience teaching or tutoring non-native speakers prior to leaving for Asia. A short TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course is offered in the Spring at Princeton. Applications for the TEFL course will be available in the second semester at the PiA office.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF PLACEMENT?

Applicant numbers vary from year to year. In recent years, there have been roughly 4-5 applicants for each position.

CONSIDERATIONS AND GENERAL APPLICATION ADVICE

In addition to a stipend and assistance with housing arrangements, PiA and Princeton provide:

- a pre-departure orientation including travel, health, visa, safety, and packing information as well as discussion about cultural and current affairs in PiA countries.

- group medical and evacuation insurance for all interns in need of coverage. Students may use their student insurance while overseas for the summer.

- a limited amount of travel assistance. The summer internships generally do not include airfare. However, PiA offers some travel grants, and interns are encouraged to apply for various grants available through the university.

We encourage you to stop by the PiA office, 83 Prospect Ave., Room 202, and familiarize yourself with the specific posts early in the application process.

Look through some general interest resources on Asia prior to making your country selections or attending your interviews. Suggestions: *The Asian Wall Street Journal* or *The Lonely Planet Guidebook Series*. 
Application & Placement Calendar

February 9: Deadline for submission of application.

Late February: Interviews to be held at Princeton. These interviews also provide an opportunity for applicants to ask questions about locations and positions.

Mid-March: PiA notifies applicants of selection results.

Late March-Early April: Finalization of positions.

April 11-13: TEFL certification course offered at Princeton University.

May 16-19: Pre-Departure Orientation. All new interns MUST attend the orientation.

Mid June-Early July: New interns leave for Asia.

Costs

1) $20 application fee.
2) $80 intern contribution upon acceptance of internship. Interns may request a waiver if this cost presents a hardship.
3) Vaccination and pre-departure health expenses.
4) Visa application fees.
5) Round-trip airfare.

Application Checklist

Please deliver your completed application to the Princeton in Asia office by February 9, 2008.

______ Application Fee: $20.00.
______ A completed PiA Application Form and two essays (see below).
______ Two copies of your resume (one page in length) including your current and permanent addresses and phone numbers.
______ An official college transcript (as recent as possible).
______ Contact information for two references (phone number and/or email address). Letters are optional.
______ One photocopy of your currently valid passport information page (which includes passport number, period of validity, etc.). *All applicants must have a valid passport by the time of interviews.
______ Four passport size photos with your name printed on the back of each and put in an envelope.

Essay #1: What I Hope to Gain (750 words or less): A PiA internship is a rare opportunity to live and work in another country. What attracted you to the position and what do you hope to gain by spending this time abroad?

Essay #2: Handling Transition (750 words or less): Discuss an event which caused a major change in your life. How did you deal with the transition? What aspects of this transition were the most difficult, and what do you feel you learned? Would you do anything differently?
**Last Name:** __________________________ **First Name:** __________________________

**Middle Initial:** _______ **Nickname/Preferred Name:** ________________________

1) **Current Address**
Dorm and Room Number _______________________________________________________________
School Phone # __________________________ E-Mail Address _____________________________________
Cell Phone # _________________________
**Last Date** in the spring that you can be contacted at the above address/number:_____________________

2) **Permanent Address** (i.e. Family Address)
Street __________________________________________________________ Apt #_____________
City_________________________ State_____________ Zip Code__________ Country______________
Home Phone # ____________________
In an emergency, we should contact: Name: __________________ Phone: ____________________

3) **Background**
Department_____________________ Graduating Class___________________
Any teaching experience, especially ESL or language teaching experience?________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
Any Foreign Language Skills? (which languages, how many semesters)___________________________
Any Asian travel/living experience? If so, where and what length of time?_________________________
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How did you find out about PiA?__________________________________________________________

4) **Position Desired** (see summary of internships on the PiA website for more details)
Which internships interest you? __________________________________________________________

**Important Background Information- Please Fill In Completely**
Passport # ___________________ Expiration Date ___________ Place of Issue _________________
Date of Birth ____________ Social Security # __________________