

Call for Applications

The Rheinland-Pfalz Transatlantic Ambassador Internship

offers from May through August 2025 a unique transatlantic experience with German and U.S. government institutions in the Mainz area and Kaiserslautern, Germany. The **Rheinland-Pfalz Transatlantic Ambassadors Internship Program (RP-TAIP)** at Georgetown University seeks to honor the longstanding and close ties between the German Federal State of Rhineland-Pfalz/Rhineland-Palatinate and the United States and to build additional avenues for mutual understanding and transatlantic exchange by giving interns the chance to experience transatlantic cooperation in Germany from different angles.

Supported by the Consulate General of the United States of America in Frankfurt/Main, the RP-TAIP is an unparalleled partnership project between the Atlantic Academy Rheinland-Pfalz, the State Government of Rheinland-Pfalz, the State Liaison Office of the U.S. Forces located in Mainz, and the BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University. Interns will be working with the following institutions in the course of the first-of-its-kind three months internship program:

- The Atlantic Academy located in Kaiserslautern is a state- and privately funded, non-profit, and non-partisan organization whose goal is to foster transatlantic relations by educating the public about U.S. politics and society. More information can be found on <https://www.atlantische-akademie.de/en/>.
- The State Chancellery located in Mainz is the Office of the Minister President of the State and comparable to the Governor's Office in the U.S. system. Within the State Chancellery the Department for European and International Cooperation is responsible for all international and transatlantic matters. The Representation to the Federal Government in Berlin serves as an embassy to federal institutions and diplomatic missions and is part of the State Chancellery.
- The DoD's State Liaison Office of the U.S. Forces in Mainz focuses towards regional and local partners and office-holders and addresses all politico-military questions arising in the context of the presence of U.S. troops and bases in the west of Germany.

Today, with almost 50,000 Americans living in Rhineland-Palatinate, the state is considered to have the strongest transatlantic ties in Germany. The region is home to several American installations of great importance for U.S. foreign and security policy, including Ramstein Air Base near Kaiserslautern. Consequently, thousands of Americans have spent a part of their lives and many a segment of their military careers in the state and have become standard-bearers of the German-American friendship. The BMW Center for German and European Studies (GCES) at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service (SFS) was founded in 1990 and is the preeminent center for the study of the transatlantic relationship in the United States and houses the Master of Arts in German and European Studies (MAGES) program.

Through RP-TAIP, the partners will provide one (1) MAGES/SFS student (per year) with the opportunity to experience hands-on transatlantic cooperation on the ground. Interns will have the unique opportunity to work with German and American institutions within the same program, thereby becoming disseminators for the German-American partnership. Participants will intern with the State Chancellery and the Atlantic Academy for up to two months and thus gain a better understanding of government structures within the German federal system as well as of the work of non-governmental institutions in the field of transatlantic relations. In addition and as part of the 3-months program, interns will have the opportunity to work at the interface between U.S. civil

and military diplomacy in the State Liaison Office of the U.S. Forces in the region, reporting to the commands of U.S. Army Europe in Wiesbaden, and the U.S. Air Forces Europe and Africa at the Ramstein Air Base. Each internship will be individually designed to take capacities of the institutions and the preferences of the interns into account.

More information and field reports can be found here:

<https://www.atlantische-akademie.de/rp-taip>

Eligibility Criteria

- Nationality: Application is limited to U.S. nationals.
- Qualifications: Applicants must be enrolled in the MAGES program or other Masters programs at SFS.
- Language: Proficiency in the use of the German language, both written and oral, is required.

Compensation

Interns will receive a one-time payment of €600.00. Additional support to cover living expenses can be made available up to €1,500.00 total. The internship is modeled on a regular 40 hours work week.

CGES is providing a limited number of scholarships for MAGES students interested in internships abroad to help compensate travel expenses incurred upon taking up and returning to the United States upon completion of the internship.

Please note that applicants must be capable of acquiring a US security clearance and if selected for the TAIP will be required to work with US military officials to secure the clearance prior to arrive in Germany.

Applications

Applicants are asked to send a cover letter outlining their interest in the position and their motivation as well a resume to the Associate Director of the BMW Center for German and European Studies, Tina Ruby: rubycm@georgetown.edu.

Deadline is February 3, 2025. Only a shortlist will be contacted for oral interviews with the partners across the Atlantic via ClickMeeting or Zoom.