International Internship Opportunity in Beijing, China (June – July 9, 2010)

Your summer in Beijing, China offers you the possibility to combine a six-week paid international internship with your summer program. The internship would begin after the completion of the four-week program in June and finish in August (June 28 to August 6 or 13, 2010). This is a competitive opportunity, as only 3-4 internship opportunities are available. So, there is no guarantee that when you sign up for the four-week program, that you will be selected for the internship. UG students could earn 3 internship cr hrs (optional) and 6 cr hrs (required hours in the summer program) from these summer opportunities--(9 hours total).

Internship Program: Three to four internship opportunities, for five to six weeks in duration, will be available for students participating in the summer 2010 China program. The internships will be competitive, because of so few being available. Some will be paid and some will not be paid. This will be clarified in February of the spring 2010 semester. The language will be English for the internship, so no Chinese language is necessary or required. The general schedule that you should plan would be the following:

- June 28 – August 6 or 13: Internship in a company.

The exact nature of the internship will be clarified by March 26, 2010. It most likely will be some kind of work responsibilities assisting with marketing and/or management situations. Some of these internships will pay a salary around 4,000 RMB (about $550) per month and some will be unpaid. The payment details will be negotiated by you and the company directly, but usually are what the company proposed. Nine credit hours would be possible with this combination of internship (3 cr hrs) and the summer business program (6 cr hrs). Each student would be responsible for all costs such as transportation, travel, lodging, food, and any required visas (this will be clarified during the spring semester). The TCOB study abroad program office will work with you and assist you in getting ready for the internship experience. Each student who participates in this internship opportunity would agree to an additional $500 internship program fee to be assessed to his/her student account. This fee covers the cost of travel for the college to set up the company arrangements and fax/telephone/mail, and office support to make the internship possible.

Selection Process: The internship selection will be a competitive process in which the student would apply (resume, essay, interview, etc.) and a selection committee in the TCOB will evaluate the applications and make the selection. Student selections will be announced before spring break (last week of March) to allow sufficient time for planning summer flight arrangements. Students who have been accepted into the upper division of the Trulaske College of Business (TCOB) and who will be participating in the China Summer Business Program will be eligible first to apply for this opportunity. Students from outside of TCOB would be eligible to apply if there would be additional open spots available after considering business student applications. The acceptance into the upper division for TCOB students needs to be finalized before March during the spring semester before departure. More details will be available in March, such as the kind of company and basic job description. We will conduct an information session in March that will be open to all students in the China program to explain further details and clarify the minimum qualifications to apply for the internship.

Internship Experience on your Resume: This internship in a Chinese company will provide you with a wonderful, meaningful, and exceptional experience to note on your resume. You would have many stories and examples that you would be able to convey and explain to a job recruiter about your new competencies (the following are only possible examples: your actual experiences will depend upon the actual company you will work for):

- Working in a new and diverse culture,
- Dealing with uncertainties in that culture,
- Increasing your ability to plan and organize tasks and events,
- Solving problems for customers and suppliers,
Conducting research with people, on the internet, and other database sources, and
Possibly making professional group presentations in a real company setting.

Job interviews are increasingly emphasizing behavioral situations and how you would deal with or have dealt with job-related scenarios. The Trulaske College of Business is attempting to prepare you as much as possible to be successful with this new job interview approach. Your international internship can offer you many new and different kinds of behavioral situations in a new and different culture. Also, it can help you take that next step in preparing yourself for a more successful job interview, to stand out much differently from other students who have not worked in an international setting. You will be able to explain your responsibilities, your work activities, your problem solving, and especially the results that you will have achieved in your internship setting—all of this in a new culture, and dealing with all of its uncertainties. The Chinese company will benefit by having a useful and productive person helping out, and you win by gaining more experience in dealing with new international business situations, transactions, and problem-solving. Recruiters are very interested in what you have experienced and learned about different social and business customs, based on your interactions with Chinese people in different business roles and responsibilities. In addition, you would be able to learn (or improve) some Chinese language (depends on your interest and motivation) and especially show that you have a broader global exposure and set of business experiences. It all adds up to offering you unusual and outstanding opportunities to have real job-related experiences to explain during your interviews, rather than responding to the recruiters’ hypothetical situations in which you have no experience.

**Booking Your Flight Itinerary:** You would want to book your flight as departing in May (for the start of the four-week program) and returning back to the States when you have finished the internship in August. Possibly you may want to stay longer and do some traveling after the completion of your internship and then return back to the States. The finish date of August 6 or 13 would be your decision based on travel interests and/or when you would want to be back in the States. You will know before spring break if you are selected to participate in the internship opportunity.

**Lodging and Food Expenses:** There are multiple options for lodging, but essentially they are an apartment or a small hotel/pension. Students from the internship experience in summer 2009 will have suggestions for you and we would plan to connect you with those students for lodging ideas and suggestions. You would make your own reservations for your internship period. You could plan on $400 or so for an apartment or about $600 for the small hotel lodging. These costs are just possibilities and your actual cost will depend on what you can actually find. The Chinese company will have some people who will be helpful to you in locating an apartment, also. The food cost is a variable that would depend upon your individual needs and preferences for restaurants or cooking in an apartment. You will probably want to plan $500 - $1,000 for extra costs (these would be highly variable), such as phone, laundry, local transportation, weekend travel around China or Asia, socializing, etc. For example, a phone would be 40-50 dollars plus the SIM card for 30 dollars. Laundry would be about 7-10 dollars per week, and transportation would be 40 dollars for one month.
Estimated Beijing, China Internship Budget
The following costs are only estimates (except the program fee) and will depend on whether you stay for five weeks or six week, your particular situation, wants, and needs.

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- The program fee will be an additional charge that will be applied to your student account. This fee covers the cost that the TCOB study abroad program incurs to set up and manage the internship for you in China.
- You may want to plan an extra $500 - $1,000 for travel, socializing, and unexpected opportunities during your internship.
- Plan for the additional MU tuition cost if you sign up for three hours of internship credit.