

Dear American Friends of Arts & Metiers ParisTech,

I hereby, Jean-Sébastien, give my full authorization to publish the content of this letter on your website in recognessence of the financial support that you have provided me with.

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Signature



1. Name of student, background, professional aspirations (1 paragraph, 5 lines)

I'm Jean-Sébastien BRETT, 24 years old, student at "Arts et Métiers PARISTECH", and between my second and my third study years I carried out a gap year to have a better professional experience following the industrial internship. Now, I do my Final Research Project at Auckland University in the Yacht Research Unit to validate my Master Research in Naval Environment, it's a Master at "L'Ecole Navale de BREST" in partnership with "A&M PARISTECH". And, for sure, I want to be a Naval Builder Engineer, or a kind of job in this field, anywhere in the world.

2. Please tell us how you were able to get your internship, and the date and length of your stay (1 paragraph, 5 lines)

So I finished my gap year (2010/2011) at BENETEAU USA in South Carolina during 4 months (May 2011 to August 2011). To get this work placement, I just asked to my last supervisor of my first internship during my gap year if I could finish my experience in USA. My last supervisor, director of the JEANNEAU plant at Cholet in France part of the BENETEAU group, was proud of my job so he said yes and he knows the director of the USA plant to introduce me.

3. Please present the company or university where you interned and the objectives of your internship (1 paragraph, 10 lines), and why you were excited to work there. (1 paragraph, 10 lines)

The BENETEAU Company is a shipbuilder one and builds ranges of pleasure boats (Sail or motor boats), <http://www.beneteau.com>. It's French Company and has one plant in USA, one in Poland and a new one in Brazil. So it's a good introduction for an international internship to those who are not really good in English, like me at this time, because most of managers are French and it's quite easy to exchange before coming to fill all of administration papers. Anyway, during the internship you have to speak English for sure, you are in foreign country.

As a future Naval Engineer, it was a great international experience to take part in real industrial problem. It's really a friendly company and the ambiance was really good. All the interns are welcomed, there was a car and a house for us and you received 500 dollars per month. Typically, all of my goals were Lean Manufacturing goals like:

- . Set up tools of Lean Manufacturing recently introduced by the French Beneteau group (5S, communication spot, project management tool etc ...)
- . Trained supervisors and managers of the production to these tools.
- . Resolved the problems of translation and ordered materials for these.

I had the experience of my last internship in France in order to accomplish all of these objectives.

4. Please tell us which expenses which will be covered by the funds provided by American Friends of Arts et Metiers (1 paragraph, 5 lines)

Sorry I can't answer at this question due to the fact that at the moment I didn't know "American Friends of Arts et Metiers". So I've never had any funds from your association. But it was a real pleasure to answer your questions. If I can help more, let me know.

5. Please summarize your internship, how you achieved the company/university's objectives (1 paragraph, 5 lines), as well as your own personal goals and lessons from this experience (1 paragraph, 5 lines), and finally how this impacted your professional aspirations (1 paragraph, 5 lines).

These four months was a first great international experience, especially, I hope in my future work field. All of my objectives were accomplish in good term. At the end, I think, my manager was happy of my work. He wrote me a reference letter for future opportunities.

For my personal state of mind, I think do internship in a foreign country it's good balance between enjoy a new country by travelling during weekends and work with a different behavior than in France. You acquire a new open minding points a view. And the first think that I wanted to do at the end of this internship that to do my last one in another foreign country. Maybe, that's why, I'm here today in New Zealand.

This experience changed all of my bad point of view about the importance of the English language; we are in a world where everybody has to speak English fluently, especially for a future engineer. And now I definitely want to work for an international company to continue to practice English and to keep a large vision about the world.