

Dear ParisTech Arts & Metiers,

I hereby, Romain Damiano, 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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Date: 10/18/10

Signature:



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

I am Romain Damiano, 22 years old. I come from Aix en Provence and towns around where I raised and join the engineering school ENSAM Paristech. My professional aspirations are more focused on the design, especially mechanical design linked with virtual reality.

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

My internship was proposed by Presto Engineering via the AFAM association. After applying a better version of my resume (on advice of Xavier Wartelle), I contacted the company and set a call interview. I finally got an internship from June, the 21th to September, the 17th (13 weeks).

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

I worked for Presto Engineering as Mechanical Engineer. Presto Engineering provides services and products to fabless and labless semiconductor companies, helping them to improve the speed and predictability of new product releases. They provide tests geared towards validation and qualification, focusing on characterization and design analysis. I was involved in the R&D department which tries to best keep up with the never-ending race for excellence and technology. As mechanical engineer, I worked on various projects trying to improve, update or create new system's design.

It was an excellent opportunity for me because my responsibilities and tasks were exactly was I expected and what I learned at school. So it really helped me to improve my working skills but also communication skills in another country. I meet many people with various backgrounds which supported me all along my internship.

4. Please tell us how you used the funds provided by American Friends of Arts et Metiers (1 paragraph, 5 lines)

In order to get a visa, to go and live in California, USA, I really needed money. So I asked a loan at a bank in France. The funds provided by American Friends of Arts et Métiers really helped me to repay it and to settle in a new apartment during my last year of school.

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).

As the only Mechanical Engineer of the company, my objectives were to bring solutions and design several systems. Dealing with customers, suppliers, manufacturers and the objectives of our company, I provided in each case innovative or updated products.

Regarding my personal goals, it showed me I was able to live and work in an international professional context. Thirteen weeks went very fast and somewhere I was sad to leave this life over there but it was an excellent experience where I made a lot of contact – at work and also in private.

Improving my spoken English skills, I am now more confident to think about a future job in a foreign country. I am very glad this internship went so well and Presto also appreciated my work there and offered me to come back next year at the end of my school time. I can now looking forward to work again with this company in this beautiful area that is California.