

American Friends of Arts & Metiers ParisTech
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Dear ParisTech Arts & Metiers,

I hereby, Vaea ZENGER, 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: 18 oct 2010

Signature: Vaea Zenger

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

My name is Vaea Zenger, I am a student of Arts et Métiers ParisTech. I got into the School in 2007 and am now doing my last internship before graduation. In my first school year I had the opportunity to work for Airbus for 3 months. This experience has been so exciting that I decided since to keep on in the aeronautic field and performed a six-month internship in the US in 2009 at Dassault Falcon Jet. I really enjoyed the American spirit and was eager to go back, which I did the next summer.

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

I discovered American Friends of Arts et Métiers during my first internship in the US, they did not offer internships yet at that time but financially helped me. I found my second internship in 2010 on the AFAM website. I had two free months in the summer between my last courses and my last 6-month internship and wanted to use it to go back to the US. I have been an intern for AFAM for 6 weeks, from July to mid-August.

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 American Friends of Arts et Métiers ParisTech, the US alumni association of Arts et Métiers ParisTech. I discovered an organization supported by very motivated board members and I was impressed to see they are all successful and busy people but always find time for AFAM. The mission of AFAM is to grow the brand image of Arts et Métiers Paristech in the United States and to establish strategic partnerships with universities, businesses and nonprofit organizations like AAGEF. They also organize social events for the gadz'art community and offer internships to Arts et Métiers ParisTech students.

My project was to update the AFAM website adding features like a calendar, a member's space and optimize the website browsing. I had the chance to live 6 months in Arkansas the year before and was since considering how to go back. After the help AFAM provided me with after my first internship I was thrilled to help the

association and make my contribution. It also gave me the opportunity to discover the ventures capital field and to work with the very successful alumni Eric Benhamou. An inspiring experience!

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

Given the short length of this internship, I could not have afforded the VISA and flight cost without the help of the Shasta program. The funds provided by AFAM covered these expenses.

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).

I think I can say I fulfilled the internship objectives: I replaced the former light CMS for a more powerful and scalable one and set up the required features as well as updated the website content. In particular, next interns will find information on the website about the VISA process or daily life in America. AFAM is close to X-USA, the North-American alumni association of Polytechnique and I was glad to advise them on their own website project.

An interesting anecdote is that I needed to use the PHP language (that I didn't know) for this project. I assured I would learn it before my arrival and would be ready. Eric Benhamou, president of AFAM, trusted me and gave me the internship. There is every chance that this would never have happened in France. I really like this American spirit that gives you a chance to adapt and evolve.

I am grateful to the AFAM members who gave me the opportunity to work with them. It opened my mind to fields I had never tried before: IT and ventures capital. Last but not least, living in the San Francisco bay and particularly on the Stanford campus has been an amazing experience. I could feel the energy and creativity of Silicon Valley and enjoyed multiculturalism of California.