C.V. STARR-MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
SCHOOL IN RUSSIA
INTERNSHIP CATALOGUE

To help you as you contemplate whether to pursue an internship at the School in Russia, we are pleased to present this Catalogue of prospective internship sites. Listed here, you will find descriptions of past internships which students have held, as well information on several new organizations which have expressed interest in hosting Middlebury students.

The Catalogue contains a list of organizations by host-city, and in alphabetical order within the sections. Each individual entry includes a short description of the organization and, where possible, a more detailed description of the position and its requirements (previous experience, educational background, etc.).

Many organizations also have web sites, where you may obtain more detailed information about their current activities. Although we are happy to advise on any of the sites listed below, we likewise encourage students to research the organizations independently, in order to make the most well-informed decisions about their potential internships.
Irkutsk

**Baikalskaya Ekologicheskaya Volna - Baikal Environmental Wave**

www.baikalwave.eu.org

*environmental|NGO*

Organization Description:

NGO Baikalwave collects and distributes ecological information in and about the Baikal region. Baikalwave's main goals are to create a computer-based information system of ecological knowledge about Baikal and its regions, to develop Internet-related projects and to establish a network of ecological centers.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:

Medium.

*«Irkutianka» Newspaper*  
*Journalism|Gender Studies*

Gender studies/story writing in Russian. Good for those who are interested in local women organizations and activities. The newspaper belongs to Irkutsk region women's organization.

**Irkutsk Children Puppet Theater “Aistenok”**

*Theater*  

http://whoiswho.irkutsk.ru/9/68.html

Students are welcome to participate in the process of creating puppets. Interns could learn how to knit, crochet, sow, form different puppets, paint, work with puppets etc. Performing could be an option if your Russian pronunciation is really good.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:

Medium, unless you perform with the troupe.

**Irkutsk Regional Television Station “Vesti Irkutsk”**

http://vesti.irk.ru/

Vesti Irkutsk is the local branch of the national news program ‘Vesti’. They cover news items in Irkutsk Region and the surrounding areas. Most items are local interest, but international conferences and summits are also covered. Reporters travel around the region to provide the news for 5-7 daily reports aired after the national news.

Students who are interested in the field of journalism and television reporting will be interested in working with the reporters at this local television station. Interns help with translations, interviewing English-speakers and office work. If the student’s pronunciation is strong enough, he/she will be afforded the change to report happenings on the news.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:

Medium to High, depending on the tasks involved

**Irkutsk Crisis Center for Women**

This is a center for support of women in abusive situations. The center also focuses on educational work against domestic violence in schools and universities. Students interning in this center are mostly involved in grant-writing and translation for the center, helping in the crisis line office.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:

Medium to High
Irkutsk Chapter of the Red Cross

The Red Cross in Irkutsk is very actively involved in AIDS/HIV education, blood drives and humanitarian aid to the needy. They organize food drives and clothing drives, set up informational stands at various educational events, organize events for children and schools.

Interns work with other college student volunteers to man booths at educational fairs, to help with games and competitions for schoolchildren, to translate the website information into English, and to describe volunteer work in the USA to local volunteers.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:
Medium to High

Moscow

The Agency for Social Information
www.asi.org.ru
NGO

Organization Description:
The Agency for Social Information (ASI) is a Moscow-based, independent information agency that works to support civic initiatives in Russia and Russia's emerging third sector of non-governmental, nonprofit social organizations. Founded in 1994 through the initiative of two Russian charitable foundations-"Dusha Cheloveka" (Human Soul) and "NAN" (No to Alcoholism and Drug Addiction) - and others, the agency disseminates news and information about third sector organizations, upcoming events, and social issues in an effort to publicize the work of Russian NGOs and foster social support for their initiatives. The agency claims to be the only professional news agency currently working in the sphere of Russia's third sector.

The ASI has also developed a network of regional affiliates throughout Russia. The Agency publishes: a weekly news bulletin of 40-50 pages reporting on Third Sector activities in Russia, a monthly bulletin designed to enhance cooperation between the Moscow city government and local NGOs, a monthly analytical-informational bulletin dedicated to social problems and independent essays and articles. The Agency also provides consultations to NGOs, maintains a large database of NGOs operating in Russia and the Former Soviet Union and organizes press conferences, seminars, forums, etc.

ASI publications are regularly distributed to both the Russian and international NGO community, mass media organizations such as Moscow newspapers, radio and TV programs, and state agencies such as the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the Russian Federation, the Committee for Affairs of Public Associations and of Religious Organizations at the State Duma, and the Moscow Mayor’s Office. Foreign organizations in Moscow are also subscribers to the agency’s information bulletins. Publications are distributed primarily through electronic mail, but can also be obtained by fax or in person at ASI's central offices.

Regional affiliates of ASI are established in St. Petersburg, Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Kaluga, Voronezh, Nizhny Novgorod, Ekaterinburg, Krasnodar, Barnaul, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Blagoveshensk, Ulan-Ude and Krasnoyarsk by existing NGOs in each city.

Internship Description:
Interns will likely work on a packet of advertisement/informational materials about the Agency in English, to be published and/or used on the Agency’s world wide web server in the future. The intern would also work on rewriting or translating into Russian messages received via email, for publication in bulletins.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:
High. All the staff is Russian, and internship work would involve significant writing and translating in Russian.
Charities Aid Foundation - Russia (CAF Russia)
www.CAFonline.org/cafrussia
NGO

Organization Description:

CAF Russia is a member of the CAF International family of non-profit organization devoted to increasing philanthropic giving and strengthening the non-profit sector worldwide. CAF was founded in 1924 as a body to encourage more efficient giving to charities. Charities Aid Foundation Russia (CAF Russia) has been devoted to promoting the sustainable development of the non-profit sector in Russia and to increase the flow of resources to it since 1993. CAF has regular contacts with a network of 40 resource centers across Russia and, with almost all of its project work based in at least one of Russia’s regions and containing a research component, it is in an excellent position to evaluate the needs and priorities of the sector. CAF provides a number of services free of charge to NGOs and this work is generally supported by donor funding. These include: distribution of donations from companies, foundations and individuals, program to attract charitable donations from emigrant populations in the United Kingdom and the United States, and management of a grants program and management of a grants program to Russian and UK NGOs working in partnership with the British Government Know How Fund. CAF also works to increase the flow of funds to the non-profit sector both through development of community foundations in Russia and development of individual giving.

Level of Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High

Moscow Educational Advising Center
www.useic.ru
Education

The Moscow EAC provides local students information, resources, and consultations on educational opportunities in the US. The advisers work with students, give lectures, and staff the library of the Educational Center. The Moscow EAC is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State.

Weekly supplement “English language” to the newspaper “September 1st”.
www.1september.ru
http://archive.1september.ru/eng/
Journalism

Newspaper for school students and school teachers mainly. Provides teachers with additional material on various subjects for their lessons (for example, on the history and culture of English-speaking countries).

Interns have done proof editing and also story research. All of our students have had their own articles published in this newspaper.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: Medium

Literaturnaia gazeta
http://www.lgz.ru
Journalism

Organization Description:
The newspaper was founded in 1830 by a group of young writers, including Pushkin. It has been published on a regular basis since 1929 and though it was started as a literary newspaper, it now also covers social, economic and political issues and is read by a broad range of Russia's intelligentsia.

Internship Description.

Intern assisted with daily office work and wrote several literary articles of his own. Requires exceptionally high level of Russian language and thorough background in literary studies.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:

Very high.

The Moscow Helsinki Group (MHG)

http://www.mhg.ru/
http://www.mhg.ru/english
Human rights|NGO

The Moscow Helsinki Group is a multi-profile human rights organization and serves as a resource center for hundreds of Non-Governmental Organizations. It provides these organizations with organizational, educational, as well as other forms of support. MHG is one of the largest networking NGO in Russia. All programs and projects of the MHG are implemented for, or in co-operation with, regional NGOs. The main directions of MHG activities are:
- Monitoring
- Education
- Legal programs
- Support of civil coalitions

MHG Mission is to assist human rights observation and democracy development in Russia. To achieve this, MHG has dealt with the revelation of human rights violations and exercising a pressure on authorities to make them fulfill undertaken international obligations in human rights sphere from the very beginning of its existence.

It organizes conferences, round-tables and expert meetings. On a regular basis the MHG provides the public full objective information on the observance of human rights on the territory of the Russian Federation. The MHG produces a lot of publications, in particular, the annual report on the human rights situation in the Russian Federation

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: Medium to High

The Historical-Enlightenment Society “Memorial”

www.memo.ru
Human rights|NGO

In the last years of the existence of the Soviet Union Memorial was established in Moscow (in 1990) to coordinate activities on systematic collection of evidence about the communist terror. Following the example of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, activists of Memorial in different cities collected documents and memoirs, transcribed oral testimony, and undertook expeditions to the sites of camps and deportation. During past years, a substantial archive on the history of repression has been collected. More than 50 “Books of Memory” and lists of executed victims have been published in different regions of Russia. Memorial's archive, library and museum contains documents, books, hundreds of works of art by prisoners, which bear witness to the life in the camps. The collection of the museum is constantly growing. It is a unique collection of this type in Russia.
“Memorial” is also actively protecting human rights in Russia nowadays. Each of “Memorial”’s regional divisions is involved in protecting human rights, specifically in vindicating the rights of former prisoners. The Human Rights Center “Memorial” Moscow concentrates its activities on human rights violations in zones of armed conflicts in the Russian Federation, so called “hot spots”, and on the protection of refugees and victims of discrimination and political persecution. The Human Rights Center works in partnership with “Memorial”’s regional organizations, many which also work to protect human rights. Much of the activity is carried out in Voronezh, Yekaterinburg, Nizhniy Tagil, Novosibirsk, Orel, Ryazan, Tomsk, Kharkov, Chelyabinsk and other towns.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: Medium to High

**Nikolai Roerich Museum.**
[www.roerich-museum.ru](http://www.roerich-museum.ru)
[http://www.museum.ru/M325](http://www.museum.ru/M325)

Art|Museums

Nicholas Roerich – famous 20th century Russian artist, philosopher and publicist. Founder of Himalayan Studies Institute in India. He is also famous for the Roerich Pact – International Agreement about Art and Science Institutions and Historic Monuments Conservation during war and peace times.(1935)

The art museum contains large collection of N.Roerich’s paintings and documents related to his art and life. There is also a Centre that organizes public lectures at the museum.

Student interns help with translation of exhibits and tours, work in the archives and in the Roerich library.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High

**National Public Radio (NPR)**
[www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)

Organization Description:

Smaller scale than CNN, but the same sort of work: for radio. The Moscow Bureau conducts interviews, records sound bites that are used in many NPR programs and writes and produces individual segments. The office here consists of only three people: the Bureau chief, translator and assistant.

Internship Description:

In 1999 the intern initially drafted story ideas and after discussing them and receiving feedback from the Bureau Chief, began making contacts for the stories and setting up interviews. He also performed typical office work such as logging tapes. As the Kosovo and subsequent government crises heated up, the intern went to the US Embassy and recorded some sound bites and conducted interviews, which were later used on NPR’s program “All Things Considered.” Later, he had the opportunity to go to “Ekho Moskvy” (a well know news radio station) to hear an interview with leading political figures Gaidar, Nemtsov and Fyedorov after their return from Belgrade. During the government crisis, he was accredited and went to the Duma to interview leading deputies. He also later returned to Ekho Moskvy, where he was able to interview Grigorii Yavlinsky.

In the Spring of 2002 interns did a lot of researching through reading Russian newspapers, watching TV, and following the news in general. She also had to do some administrative work.

NPR requires an intern with previous journalism, and preferably radio, experience, as well as very high proficiency in Russian.
Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High. The office has only one native language speaker of English and the other two staff members are Russian. The intern was often on his own to call and interview Russians and read the news in Russian.

**The New York Times**
wwwnytimes.com
Journalism

Organization Description:
Largest American print news bureau in Moscow. Provides continuous copy to the Times.

Internship Description:
Office work would be part of this internship as it is in many organizations, but the Bureau Chief is interested in using an intern primarily to do research for stories (examples: research on land ownership in Russia or research on the Red Belt). The intern might also transcribe interviews and assist with other such tasks. In general, the chief said that the more advanced a student’s Russian, the more he/she could do. Ideally, he said that he would be interested in having students go out and interview people for stories, go to press conferences, etc. He also mentioned that while he by no means wants to give an intern false hope, if they were an excellent writer with advanced enough Russian to do extensive research, it is conceivable that the student could write a story and receive a byline. Interns are also now involved in the live journal online, translating and updating the site.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High. The higher level of Russian a student possesses and the more driven a student is, the more work he/she will be given in Russian.

**Russian Conservation News**

www.russianconservation.org
www.wild-russia.org

Environmental|Journalism

*Russian Conservation News* is a quarterly English-language journal devoted to biodiversity conservation in Russia and the former Soviet Union. *RCN* is a publication of the Center for Russian Nature Conservation, a non-profit organization supporting conservation efforts in Russia and Eurasia. The Center is based in the United States and works with Russian partners to spread information about conservation in Russia; to provide technical and financial support to nature reserves; and to facilitate professional exchanges among conservationists in Russia and the West (please visit the Center’s website at [http://www.wild-russia.org](http://www.wild-russia.org) and *RCN*’s website at [http://www.russianconservation.org](http://www.russianconservation.org)).

General subjects covered in *RCN* include protected areas, endangered wildlife and plants, vanishing ecosystems, environmental education, legislation, and conservation management. *RCN* is currently seeking an intern from the Middlebury program.

The intern assisted *RCN*’s editors in producing the journal: maintaining correspondence with authors; researching background information; editing articles; and, depending on fluency in both Russian and biological terminology, translating articles. According to the individual’s interests, *RCN* will support an independent project (for example, researching and writing about a specific topic in wildlife conservation, forestry, land reforms) to be completed and published by the end of the semester. It should be noted that Russian is the primary language spoken in the office.

The ideal candidate would be a student with excellent Russian and a strong interest in environmental issues and nature conservation. Also, the student should have excellent English language and writing skills. The duration of the internship is flexible, but a one-month commitment is a minimum expectation.

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship:
Russian Orphan Opportunity Fund (ROOF)
www.roofnet.org
NGO
ROOF was formed in 1997 to increase the employment potential of children who are growing up in Russia's orphanages. It offers English language programs and provides donated computers to orphanages in Moscow and the Moscow region. They are also currently planning classes in computer literacy and a professional development internship program. The fund’s headquarters are located in New York.

Internship Description:
Teaching English and doing some social work at orphanages in Moscow and Podolsk (Moscow region).

Russian Language Acquisition at the Internship: High

MacArthur Foundation
www.macfdn.org
NGO
Organization Description:
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grant-making institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. The Foundation seeks the development of healthy individuals and effective communities; peace within and among nations; responsible choices about human reproduction; and a global ecosystem capable of supporting healthy human societies. The Foundation’s Program on Global Security and Sustainability focuses on arms reduction and security policy, ecosystems conservation, and population, and on three cross-cutting themes: concepts of security and sustainability; new partnerships and institutions; and education about United States interests and responsibilities.

Internship Description:
Intern did basic office organization work, as well as working with the foundation’s databases and documentation.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High

American Chamber of Commerce
http://www.amcham.ru
Business
Organization Description:
The American Chamber of Commerce in Russia (AmCham) is a non-profit organization which represents the interests of its member companies -- primarily US but also some non-US foreign firms -- in Russia. AmCham’s primary functions are to lobby the Russian government for legislation on foreign business activities in the interest of its member companies, to represent the views of US and foreign businesses in Russia to the American government and the press, and to hold forums, lectures, and social events to facilitate networking among member firms.

Internship Description:
Interns at AmCham tend to assist on a variety of projects, depending on what help is needed at the time. For instance, a summer intern might be mostly occupied with planning the huge July 4th celebration that AmCham plans and hosts each year. Supervision of interns is very low, which is good for a self-starter but could be frustrating for someone who prefers more direction. If the intern does not actively seek out things to do, he/she might end up sitting around a lot. Former intern's duties included: drafting, editing, and translating articles, press releases, and brochures; calling and faxing member company managers about a new program; creating databases to collect information from surveys; assisting in finance by
calculating expense reports. Great internship for someone who knows they are interested in business and will make the most out of little supervision and many resources, good contacts. Could be boring for those who do not fall into this category or are looking to speak only Russian at their internship.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Low. Language improvement should not be the main goal of an AmCham intern. While the office is nearly completely bi-lingual, English is the dominant working language. An intern may speak some Russian in passing with the lower-level office staff, but English will be used in most regular work.

The Center for Justice Assistance.
LAW|NGO

Organization Description:
The Center for Justice Assistance [www.indem.ru/csp/csp.htm] was founded by Georgii Satarov and presently functions as a joint project with the VERA Institute of Justice in New York [www.vera.org]. It is supported by grants from the Soros, Ford, and Hewlett Foundations.

The Mission of the Center for Justice Assistance is to develop respect for the State among the population, working through the legislative system. They work mostly in the area of criminal justice and interact regularly with leading government figures. Among other projects, the Center organizes monthly round tables with key governmental leaders, to discuss government affairs and state management. Previous participants have included Gryzlov, the Minister of Internal Affairs, and Kozak, the Head of the Constitutional Court. They also prepare reports and recommendations to be considered at the ministerial level.

Internship Description:
Intern provided assistance on specific research and communications projects, provided general administrative and logistics support to stuff on an ad hoc basis. He also assisted with development of website material (INDEM, CJA, Vera), translation/editing, and preparation of roundtables. The intern also helped in the following research projects (8-10 hours per week):

Role of Judicial Clerks in Western Countries;
Procedures for Detection, Registration and Recording of Crime in France, Sweden, England, Germany, Japan;
Foreign Donor Support for Judicial and Penal Reform Programs;
NGO Programs in Judicial Reform and Policing Reform.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
High. We recommend this site to Dillon Dunwalke Fellows, especially for political science and law majors. Analytical skills required, as well as good English language writing skills.

Glasnost Defense Foundation
www.gdf.ru
NGO|Human rights|Journalism

Organization Description:
The Glasnost Defense Fund was founded in 1991 to defend the rights of journalists and to advocate freedom of the press throughout the territory of the former Soviet Union. The scope of their work includes large-scale projects and research as well as individual casework on violations of journalists' rights.
GDF provides journalists with legal assistance and material support. They also conduct research into broad abuses of freedom of the press and mass media, especially in so-called hot spots across the region. The group plays the role of an information clearinghouse on the topic of Russian mass media and the legislation effecting journalistic work in Russia and abroad. More generally, GDF provides central organization for the independent mass media.

The Glasnost Defense Fund maintains contacts with Russian and foreign human rights organizations and professional associations of the international mass media. The group cooperates regularly with the following groups: UNESCO; Helsinki Watch; Committee for the Defense of Free Speech; Union of Journalists of Russia; Memorial; Article 19; Freedom Forum; Reporters sans Frontiers; and the Carter Commission on Radio and TV Policy. GDF regularly receives funding from: Ford Foundation; Eurasia Foundation; Soros Foundation; and Moscow-based embassies and other foundations. In 1994, GDF was awarded the Moscow International Press Club Prize for the defense of mass media rights in Russia.

GDF organizes conferences and events and publishes its research. In 1994 GDF published the results of a survey comparing attitudes of Russian journalists working in eight regions of the Federation with those of journalist based in Moscow.

Publications:
"Hot Spots": A Handbook For Journalists (1995, Moscow) In Russian. (114 pages.) This pocket-size handbook provides journalists with quick reference material including useful contact information for officials and organizations in so-called hot spots across Russia.

Journalists and Journalism in the Russian Provinces: Survey Results (1994, Moscow) In Russian (170 pages) and abridged in English (75 pages). The survey provides information on the character of journalistic work and the mass media in the provinces as well as the opinions and concerns of the local readership.

Creating a Spirit of Cooperation: Standards of Honesty in the Journalistic Community (1995, Moscow) In Russian. 375 pages. This book collects articles by leading professionals in the field of mass media and communications on the need to create a code of ethics in reporting. Contributors include journalists from the Russian press as well as other specialists in the nonprofit and non-governmental sector.

Internship Description:
- Translation of the GDF Internet web site in to English and adjusting it according to international standards.
- GDF archive “structurization” (filings).
- Public Relations assistance, including participation in the “Index of Censorship” magazine activities.
- Russian and foreign media monitoring and analysis.
- Participation in various GDF activities.

Level of Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Medium, although Russian-speaking environment for the intern is guaranteed.

Moscow Gender Center
www.gender.ru

Gender Studies

Organization Description:
The Moscow Gender Center (Center for Gender Research/ Gender Studies) was founded in 1990 at the Russian Academy of Science's Institute of Social and Economic Problems of the Population. In 1994, it became independent non-profit NGO. Its main goals are to encourage new attitudes toward gender in Russian society, to develop new methods of analyzing society, and to integrate such methods into scientific research and educational programs.

All members of the Center have their own field of research (women and the economy; women and politics; women and family; feminist theory, reproduction rights, women in the labor market, etc.), and though they each lead different projects, they also work as a team.

The Center organizes and participates in various conferences and conducts “round tables” – professional discussion. They also provide gender analyses of social politics and legal expertise in the sphere of women’s rights.
One of the educational projects of the Center in 2000-2001, for example, was entitled “Spreading of gender knowledge among politicians, college professors, journalists, trade union leaders and the population.” As part of this program, they were conducting lectures and seminars on different gender questions.

The Center likewise publishes books and brochures on gender issues and maintains its own unique library.

Internship Description:
Intern assisted in the educational projects of the Center, did some regular office work, helped with translations, worked with the Center's web site, used the Center's library for his own research and helped some of the specialists to search for literature on the Internet.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Medium

Art Gallery “Drevo”
This is an art gallery, café and florist shop that shows up and coming artists, designs original floral displays and offers lunches and dinners. They host artist gatherings and weddings as well as musical evenings. This internship is an excellent chance to enter Moscow's artistic world.

The internship is comprised of many different aspects, including gathering items for the florists in the woods, distributing invitations to embassies, translating documents and assisting with the planning of events.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
High.

Greenpeace Russia
The Russian branch is based in Moscow and is an independent campaigning organisation that uses non-violent, creative confrontation to expose global environmental problems and to force solutions which are essential to a green a peaceful future. Greenpeace seeks to: Protect biodiversity in all its forms; Prevent pollution of the earth’s oceans, land, air and fresh water; End all nuclear threats; Promote peace, global disarmament and non-violence.

The intern works in all aspects of this volunteer organization: from stuffing envelopes to taking part in campaigns to teach children how to plant and take care of trees. Interns can also focus on ecological issues that interest them personally.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
High.

PRP Group
PRP Group is a Weber Shandwick affiliate company. Weber Shandwick, a unit of The Interpublic Group of Companies (NYSE:IPG), is one of the world's leading public relations agencies, with offices in major media, business and government capitals around the world.

They are mainly looking for someone with at least basic Russian, with an interest in PR/CSR or business development/marketing. In terms of tasks, they would include but not be limited to:

- Researching Russian and international media publications for clients and potential clients, including compiling information on each publication, its positioning and status, as well as other relevant information.
- Research on new business opportunities and client interests, including corporate social responsibility projects, PR campaigns and other relevant projects.
Participating in brainstorms for existing and potential client projects to develop creative approaches to PR campaigns, CSR programs and other relevant communication activities.

Preparing, editing and finalizing project reports, case studies, marketing materials, proposals and letters to existing and potential clients.

Participating in the organization and management of events held by PRP for its clients.

Preparing presentations and proposals/suggestions for potential and existing clients and projects.

Assisting with development of marketing materials, such as website materials, pamphlets and brochures, presentations, etc.

Organizing meetings and events for business development, conferences and seminars.

**Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:**
Medium to High

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**Carnegie Moscow Center**
http://www.carnegie.ru/

**Organization Description:**
In spring 1993, the Washington-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace established the Carnegie Moscow Center. The Center accommodates foreign and Russian researchers collaborating with Washington staff on a variety of topical areas and policy-relevant projects. Carnegie Associates work independently on their own research in areas covering a broad range of contemporary policy issues - military, political, and economic. They are encouraged to write and speak freely on the subjects of their work.

The Center has developed and continues to expand working relationships with Russian specialists and scholars, educational and research organizations, as well as governmental and non-governmental institutions in order to consider critical domestic and international problems. These relationships take a variety of forms, including workshops, study groups, conferences, visiting lecturers, mailing and publication projects.

Since 1993, the Endowment has dedicated sizable funds of its own to establishing a public policy research center in Moscow.

**Internship Description:**
Students with a high level of Russian and a strong interest/background in politics will be integrated into the daily office life of the Center. Interns work cataloguing books, sending out invitations for Center events and receptions, researching various topics connected with the Center's work, and helping with logistics for upcoming events.

**Russian language acquisition at internship:**
Medium to High

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**Trans-Atlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA)**
http://www.tpaa.net/index.php

**Organization description:**
Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA) is an independent, non-governmental organization founded in July 2003 by members of the EastWest Institute’s U.S.-Russia Working Group Against HIV/AIDS. TPAA leverages the political, civic, scientific, and economic resources of North American, European, and Eurasian partners to combat the rapid and devastating spread of HIV/AIDS in Russia, Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Through its broad network in North America, Europe, and Eurasia, TPAA works to join governments, individuals and institutions in the greater Euroatlantic region to effect policy outcomes and undertake initiatives that will enable Russia, Ukraine and neighboring countries to be more effective in the global fight against AIDS.

TPAA works with policymakers to ensure that legislation and policy implementation meet international best practices on human rights and individual privacy, stigma, treatment access,
and participation of civil society, including people living with HIV/AIDS, in the policy process. TPAA motivates, informs, consults, and provides managerial support to Parliamentary Working Groups and other coordination structures on HIV/AIDS.

Internship Description:
Students with a medium to high level of Russian will be asked to help translate documents for Russian to English, to participate in day-to-day activities in the office, as well as to help plan and execute events with the organization staff.

Russian language acquisition at internship:
Medium

DEMOS Center
www.demos-center.ru

The DEMOS centre was founded in January 2004 by the Moscow Helsinki Group and by several leading human rights activists. DEMOS' mission is to help Russian civic society resolve its most pressing social problems. DEMOS provides informative and expert-analytical support to Russian and international non-governmental organizations, research centers and official state agencies. They assist human rights colleagues and interested parties to orientate themselves in a fast-flowing stream of information, and to adapt to circumstances in which both electronic and printed mass media publications push the problems of democracy and human rights to one side. They closely follow the dynamic human rights and democratic situation in Russia; carry out in-depth research into the more acute problems in these areas; introduce progressive strategies and approaches to analytical research; develop complex recommendations; and bring the results of our work to the attention of state structures and the public. The work of the DEMOS Centre is carried out together with a specially formed expert network of regional NGOs. Their current thematic priorities are: the humanitarian problems in conflict zones, arbitrariness and violence in the work of state organs and the adoption of international standards in the field of human rights. The team at the DEMOS Centre is composed of young humanitarians with considerable experience in the human rights movement. They see the introduction of modern methods and technology into the traditional work of civic organizations as one of their main aims.

Intern helps with translation, office work, and research on various topics.

Russian Language acquisition at internship: High
Yaroslavl

The Yaroslavl Chamber of Commerce and Industry
http://yartpp.ru/
Business

Organization Description:
The Yaroslavl Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization, whose main goal is to provide good conditions for entrepreneurial activity and for the development of relations between businesses in Russia and abroad. Most of the members of the Yaroslavl Chamber of Commerce and Industry (over 160) are from the city of Yaroslavl and its region. The Chamber provides consulting and information to its members and produces an Information Bulletin, catalogues of Yaroslavl region industries, and other publications.

Internship Description:
Interns will collect information about new opportunities for the members, edit information about new members, participate in different exhibitions, possibly explore new opportunities in the import/export sector, work closely with Information and Analytical Center of the Chamber, as well as with the Liaison Department, and participate in business meetings and meetings of the members of the Chamber.

If an intern has a particular interest in some specific area of the Chamber's activity, there might be an opportunity to develop an individual project.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: Very high.

Cross Cultural Solutions
http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/

Organization Description:
This international volunteer organization has an office in Yaroslavl. Although they themselves have no need of an intern, they are willing to help arrange internships in social service organizations - at orphanages, hospitals, homes for the elderly, or special needs schools. The main challenge to simply volunteering at these places is that students need to have multiple medical tests done here in Yaroslavl at their own expense before they can start. The process is complicated and the medical tests may or may not be covered by insurance, but this is the only way to get access to opportunities like this. Cross Cultural Solutions will help students navigate all the red tape and get their certificate of health from the Sanitary Epidemiological Station, but interested students should be intrepid and willing to follow through.

Russian language acquisition – varies

Center for Social Partnership
http://csp.yaroslavl.ru/index.php/2/

Organization Description:
The Center for Social Partnership, founded in 2000, is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing the institutions of civil society in the Yaroslavl Region. They design and implement programs of cooperation (research projects, opinion polls, seminars and round-table discussions) that encompass public, private and third sector organizations. They aim to develop and strengthen individual and community participation in local and territorial decision making processes. And they conduct broad-based campaigns to defend community initiatives and organizations in the area of voters rights (conducting independent election monitoring, observing the activities of local electoral organizations).
Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: high.

**The Assembly of the Peoples of Russia**

http://www.anrorg.ru/Index.htm

Organization Description:
This is a national NGO with representatives in all 76 regions of Russia. In Yaroslavl, the organization unites and represents the interests of members of 23 diasporas by conducting events (round-tables, conferences, festivals) that showcase ethnic heritage. The Assembly’s goals are to ensure constructive dialog between the regional government and local ethnic communities and to improve and harmonize inter-ethnic relations in the Yaroslavl region. They help members of ethnic minorities overcome social and economic problems, they defend citizens against discrimination based on nationality, they preserve and develop national cultures and languages, and they disseminate information about the history, traditions, and customs of ethnic minorities. Among the ethnicities represented are many from the Caucases and Central Asia.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: high.

**Center “Doverie”/Center for the Formation of Sexual Culture**

NGO

Organization Description:
The Center provides psychological, medical and social help to children and youth. They organize seminars for children, parents and teachers on a variety of issues including: “rights of children”, “self-security”, “problems in family relations”, different health issues (including drugs, alcohol and cigarettes), “free time”; “TV, movies and music in daily life”, “healthy food and problems of nutrition”, etc.

In particular, the Center works in the sphere of sex education, to combat problems of high abortion rates, teen pregnancy, and the lack of information on sexuality, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases in Russia.

The Center has also organized a teenagers’ club called, “From heart to heart.” Teenage volunteers at the club participate in leadership training, work on a telephone hotline and perform in a theater group called "Steps."

Internship Description:
Interns will work with volunteers and participate in different projects/seminars at the Center.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High.

**Library # 14- Librarian**

Organization Description:
Regular local library with reading halls and lending libraries.

Internship Description:
The previous intern worked as a regular librarian. She helped readers with various requests and questions and assisted in finding appropriate materials in the library stacks, checking out and refilling books, registering new readers into the library system, etc.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Very high. No English.
**Travel Agency Volga Tour**

**www.volga-tours.ru**

This is an established travel agency with a young, energetic staff. The agency organizes tours and events for guests/clients in Yaroslavl and the Yaroslavl region. The intern will help translate and edit English language advertising materials, spend a couple hours a week helping the staff practice conversational English, and will occasionally accompany groups during their Russian language excursions around Yaroslavl.

Russian acquisition - medium

**Yaroslavl School #4- English Language Teaching**

**Education**

**Organization Description:**
Local public school.

**Internship Description:**
Depending on the intern’s experience and own initiative, this internship can range from that of a teacher’s assistant to a full-fledged instructor.

In Spring of 2002 the intern taught English language classes at the 7th and 10th grade levels. In the beginning, he worked in different English classes for 5 periods, one day a week, and talked for 10-15 minutes in English about different aspects of American life. As the semester progressed, the teachers gave him more responsibility and he began teaching those 5 classes from start to finish. He was given freedom in exactly how he ran the class - much as a regular teacher. He covered such topics as “American art”, “American culture”, and “Environmental protection”. He also taught the students many American songs. In the Fall of 2007 the intern taught English language classes at the 3rd and 4th grade levels. These were mostly conversation and interactive lessons conducted with an instructor’s help.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Medium. Classes were conducted almost exclusively in English, but Russian used a lot when clarification was needed. We do highly recommend this site for Dillon Dunwalke Fellows, especially for those students who have already had some teaching experience, or who are hoping to teach in the future.

**Yaroslavl Regional Children Library by the name of I.A.Krylov**

Intern has learned a lot about Library network in Russia, and local children libraries in particular. Communication with kids was part of the experience - our students worked at the front desk, and also helped organizing different festivals at the library for kids.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
High.

**Yaroslavl Regional Electoral Commission**

This is the regional center for election supervision and organization. They handle all local elections, from city to regional. They also hold seminars to teach various age groups about the importance of voting. They hold mock elections in schools and universities in the city and region.

The intern will learn quite a bit about local election practices while using their English skills to translate the commission’s web site. The intern will also be called upon to work on the transfer of documents to computer files from both hand written and typed files.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship:
Medium to High.
**Yaroslavl YMCA (HMKA)**

This organization has been active in Yaroslavl for over 10 years. It works with children of all ages, organizing English language courses, psychological support groups, inter-cultural communication, teenage after school groups and summer camps. Our interns work in all spheres of the YMCA, teaching English, actively participating in the camps and with the teenagers. This is an excellent for-credit internship site.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: Medium to High.

**RACI**

[www.raci.ru](http://www.raci.ru)

The Regional Agency for Creative Initiative is a relatively new organization that strives to involve the residents of Yaroslavl in various creative ventures. The Agency holds weekly viewings of independent and art films, organizes exhibitions of various sorts, including one on the ‘Myth of Alexander of Macedonia”, one on the film and cartooning of Holland, and on French performance art. Interns here work in all aspects of the organization, including making brochures, helping at performances, translation and set-up of exhibits.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High

**Yaroslavl Architectural Historical and Art Museum Preserve**

[http://www.yarmp.yar.ru](http://www.yarmp.yar.ru)

The Yaroslavl State Historical-and-Architectural Art Museum-Preserve carries on the study of its collections and individual museum objects in order to present them for exhibitions and expositions. At the beginning of 2003, the total items in the Museum’s collection was 320 000, of these 280 000 items formed the basic core of the collection.

Researchers and students from Yaroslavl, Russian and foreign scientists work with the Museum’s collection. Students from the universities and institutes of Yaroslavl use open sections of the Museum’s collections for their annual museum practicum.

During the last five years the Museum has participated in the following foreign exhibitions: "Russian Tea" (Museum of Exeter, Great Britain), "Russian Artistic Silverware of Yaroslavl and Moscow 15th - 20th Centuries" (Hanau, Germany), "Russian Treasures" (USA), "Russian: One Thousand Years of History and Culture" (South Korea), "Russia and Japan. View from Past to Future" (Japan).

The Yaroslavl State Historical-and-Architectural Art Museum-Preserve owes its beginning to museums that were founded in Yaroslavl in the past century - The Museum of the Natural History Society and the Antiquity Depository.

Interns at the museum work in all areas, including translation, press releases, work with the exhibits, help with English language tours, blogging on the website in Russian, and taking photographs for the website.

Russian Language Acquisition at Internship: High