Girls Empowerment Program in Japan
Supporting the Next Generation of Women to Navigate a Changing World

GPIUS is now accepting applications for a full-time, four-week internship offered by our Japan affiliate, ISA. Please note that while GPIUS screens and selects applicants for ISA, selected participants are not 'hired' by GPIUS or ISA.

Interns are sent to various cities throughout Japan to serve as group leaders at various high schools and educational institutions to help Japanese students better understand self-empowerment, critical thinking, and English communication.

Program Objectives:

• Provide interns the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of international education and cross-cultural communication

• Provide opportunity for interns to develop skills and techniques applicable to careers in an international workplace.

• Provide opportunity for interns to understand work ethics in the Japanese cultural context.

An international internship is not only about professional development, but also your personal development.

• We send participants on a once in a lifetime experience that will give them a very personal experience with the Japanese culture.

• During the internship programs, participants immerse themselves into Japanese culture, make lifelong friendships, and learn a great deal about themselves.

• The benefits acquired from living (and interning) outside of your own cultural comfort zone are invaluable.

How does it work:

Each week interns are sent to different cities throughout Japan. There they will stay with a Japanese host family or stay in a hotel. Interns spend the week (Monday to Friday) at the participating school. Each week the program is directed by facilitators who lead interns and Japanese students by providing various empowerment themes and lessons. Interns get together in small groups with students and discuss varying viewpoints and examine how to make use of empowerment skills personally. While the curriculum provides opportunity to explore themes and learn about critical thinking, interns also have the unique opportunity to inspire Japanese students to pursue their own passions, goals, and aspirations through their own viewpoints and stories.
Summer 2016 Program Dates and Departure Locations*

- (TBD) July 15 - Aug 16 (BOS)
- (TBD) July 22 – Aug 23 (BOS)

*Dates and departing locations subject to change.

Who can apply:

- Applicants must have North American citizenship or Japanese citizenship.
- Current undergraduate students at Smith College and Mount Holyoke College
- Required to show a valid university ID.

How to apply – submit the following to boston@gpius.net:

- Letter of Interest (why you would like to take part in the internship; availability and program(s) interested in)
- Resume (include year of study, major, work experience, volunteer experience, etc)
- List 2 professional references (name, address, email address, and contact number)

Primary Responsibilities and Requirements

- Attend pre-departure orientation session (location TBD)
- Read and respond to all pre-departure material related to Japanese culture and program features
- Attend orientation program in Japan prior to commencement of program
- Facilitator to students on projects and small group discussions
- Share from life experiences to teach, inspire and motivate students
- Prepare for various discussions by reviewing handouts and videos
- Participate in various activities with students
- Comply with all rules and regulations established by ISA

Program costs covered by ISA

Airfare: Round trip ticket to Japan from USA departing location (travel to departure airport not included)
Travel insurance: Included
Residency: Homestay and hotel
Meals: All meals included except weekend lunch (homestay) / All meals included except weekend lunch and dinner (hotel stay)
Transportation in Japan: School commute (Personal travel is not covered)
Salary: No salary provided