

CIP Programs

CIP takes a creative approach to meet the emerging needs for highly skilled and globally competent employees, resulting in an array of ever changing programs:

- CORE program recruits international professionals and places them with businesses and nonprofits in the U.S.
- One- to three-week programs for small groups of professionals in the U.S.
- U.S. State Department-sponsored Community Connections programs
- Programs sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress



Congressman Peter Roskam meets with delegation from the Republic of Georgia

In addition to national leaders, successful business and academic leaders, nonprofit administrators and a variety of caring and globally conscious individuals help CIP accomplish its mission.

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CIP Participants at a Community Event

CIP participants receive a thorough orientation before they are placed with an organization, during their stay in the U.S. and prior to their departure back home.

COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Professional Development for a Changing World



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CIP in the Tri-State Region

Who We Are

The Council of International Programs Chicago (CIP Chicago) is an affiliate of CIPUSA, a U.S. Department of State J-1 visa exchange visitor program (www.cipusa.org). Founded in 1960 to promote cross-cultural exchange between the U.S. and post-war Germany, the organization has brought nearly 10,000 international professionals from 147 countries to the United States for professional training.

What We Do

The Council of International Programs in Chicago recruits and places well-qualified and experienced professionals from abroad for work-based training with businesses, nonprofit organizations and government departments in the U.S. Prior to starting their work, participants receive a thorough orientation on U.S. customs, culture and work habits as well as the systems of government, education and other areas that prepare them to be productive at the worksite from the beginning.

Discovery Journeys

Cultural & Educational Trips Abroad

Bridges are best utilized when travel takes place in both directions. CIP Chicago partners with the Center for Discovery Learning and organizes four to five international cultural/study visits a year that are open to all.

- In addition to visiting world heritage and important tourist sites, Discovery Journeys try to visit and learn about local cultures and communities that also include visiting with CIP alumni
- CMEs for physicians, CEUs for teachers, social workers and other professionals
- Short and long term volunteer opportunities in communities in different parts of the world
- International education partnership opportunities for educational institutions
- 'Semester abroad', service learning and college credit opportunities.

www.discoveryjourney.org

Partnership Opportunities for YOU

American Businesses & Nonprofits

Whether you are a for-profit business, nonprofit organization or a government department, you can receive the services of well-qualified international professionals. Participants will serve full-time and follow your work schedule like your regular employees. They come with a strong sense of enthusiasm and perform with an equally strong dedication to their work. This experience will enhance your existing employees' international and cross-cultural expertise. What do participants get in return? They return to their home countries with the unique experience of working for a U.S. firm, its work ethic and habits as well as enhanced knowledge and skills in their profession. If there is any truth in "two birds with one stone," you are likely to find it here.

How can you get one of our highly qualified international professionals? Just tell us the position where an international professional would be a match and CIP will do the rest! Our worldwide network of recruiters will identify strong candidates.

Contact us: ap@cipchicago.org, 630 359 3393.

Alternatively, if you have an international professional you want to bring to your firm for training, we can help you as well! Working with the State Department, CIP USA arranges the visa and all necessary requirements.



CIP participants visit President Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, IL

"CIP does it with a sense of humor"

Internship and Volunteer Opportunities

Families

International and intercultural exchange is an important component of the CIP experience. The main component of this is 'host-family' living. If you have an extra room and, more importantly, the interest to learn about a country, culture and customs different from your own – and want to take a small step in building bridges and friendship across national and cultural boundaries – your family can be a CIP partner in this endeavor of **'people-to-people diplomacy, one handshake at a time.'**

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Interns and Volunteers

CIP offers students enriching 'test the waters' opportunities to practice concepts and skills acquired in school and offers volunteers a role to be partners in this noble endeavor of building global peace and international relationships.

