



Agriculture · Environment · Life Sciences

## **Semester/Summer Internship Program Fall, Spring & Summer 2013 - 14**

Perrotis College's Semester/Summer Internship Program (SSIP) is aimed at undergraduate students who want to spend a summer or semester doing research or gaining hands-on work experience on the American Farm School's educational farm and other facilities.

### **THE AFS EDUCATIONAL FARM**

All educational and research programs at the American Farm School are supported by the educational farm, which includes one of the most important Holstein Friesian dairy herds in Greece; a new dairy unit which produces the highest quality milk in Greece as well as yogurt and cheese; a poultry unit using the latest research for egg, broiler and turkey production; greenhouses; vegetable gardens; vineyards and a winery; fruit and olive trees; and extensive field crops on campus and at the Zannas Farm, located west of Thessaloniki. Internships are also available in other AFS departments by special arrangement.

### **TYPES OF INTERNSHIP POSITIONS**

SSIP offers two kinds of internship positions: undergraduate research internships and work internships (paid and unpaid). The positions are designed to immerse each participant into the practical work environment of one or more Farm departments, to demonstrate the kinds of skills and knowledge base needed in the specific field, and to provide each intern and researcher with a stimulating, rewarding experience.

#### **Research Internships:**

Each term, Perrotis College offers two undergraduate research internship positions, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Those chosen for these unpaid positions conduct research projects, either with an instructor from their home institution, or with a Perrotis College faculty member or a senior Farm staff member. Research can be carried out in the various Farm departments (horticulture, poultry and dairy); the outdoor AgroCenter; the College's educational laboratories for chemistry, biology, horticulture, plant propagation, soil science and agronomy; and in the recently completed Life Sciences Laboratory, which includes facilities for new product development in connection to our Food Science & Technology program, and the European Biological Control Laboratory, which is currently being used to conduct research projects for the USDA.

All research projects must be approved by relevant Perrotis College and AFS staff. Research internships involve 30 hours per week of research or related activities in the department where the project is being carried out, unless the intern is also taking courses for credit. In these cases, the amount of time dedicated to research can be reduced to as little as 15 hours weekly.

### **Work Internships (Paid and Unpaid):**

Each term a small number of paid and a flexible number of unpaid work internship positions are offered through SSIP, with paid interns working 30 – 40 hours per week, and unpaid 30 hours per week. In these positions, students get hands-on work experience in the dairy and horticulture departments (or, under special arrangement, in other AFS departments), as they work side-by-side with regular AFS employees. Participants who select this option should be aware that they will do physical work of the type that is normally carried out on a farm. Paid internships are awarded on a competitive basis. All position placements are made according to student qualifications and interest, as well as department needs.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Working closely with faculty and study abroad offices at participating universities, Perrotis College identifies specific candidates from each school, and, based on their qualifications and interests, matches them with the positions available. The paid internships are awarded each term on a competitive basis (i.e., to the highest qualified applicants), while the research and unpaid work internships placements are made in consultation with each partner institution.

### **ACADEMIC CREDIT**

Participants can receive academic credit for research and work internships by paying the on-going per-credit-hour fee for the College internship or research methods courses.

### **LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Interns live in the campus residence hall facilities, with other College and study abroad students, and eat in the on-campus dining facility.

### **OPTIONAL PROGRAM FEATURES**

Since SSIP coincides with the College's other study abroad programs, interns are eligible to take additional courses (one or two during the summer; up to five during the Fall or Spring semester), choosing from the following:

- The Greek Cultural Experience
- Service Learning.
- The Greek Palate (Greek Cuisine)

- From Zeus to Byzantium (Greek Mythology & the Early Christian Legacy)
- Introduction to the European Union
- Marketing Management
- Principles of Precision Agriculture & Environmental Sustainability
- Agrotourism Principles & Practices
- Principles of Food Science
- Agro-Environmental Business Management
- Introduction to Livestock Science
- Industrial Work Experience I

Along with the other visiting students, SSIP participants may also participate in optional study abroad activities, including organized excursions, one of the sailing trips or a homestay. Prices for optional activities and courses are listed below. For further information, visit the Perrotis College web site at [www.perrotiscollege.edu.gr/studyabroad](http://www.perrotiscollege.edu.gr/studyabroad).

### PROGRAM DATES

- **Fall 2013:** September 28 – December 20
- **Spring 2014:** March 1 –May 29
- **Summer 2014:** June 15 - July 26

### Sailing Trip (optional):

- **Fall 2013:** September 18 – 21
- **Spring 2014** May 1 - 4
- **Summer 2014:** June 12 - 15

### PROGRAM COSTS<sup>1</sup>

	Semester Program	Summer Program
<b>Program Fees</b>		
Room and Board	\$4500	\$1970
Administration Fee	\$550	\$300
Internship Fee	\$400	\$250
Orientation	\$200	\$200
Health Insurance	\$150	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5800</b>	<b>\$2770</b>

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<b>Optional Costs</b>		
Additional Course	\$690	\$690

Sailing Trip	\$900	\$900
Athens Excursion (four days)	\$600	\$600
Mt. Olympus Trek (two days)	\$200	\$200
Homestay <sup>3</sup> (weekend)	\$150	\$150
Homestay <sup>3</sup> (Easter/Christmas Break)	\$300	N/A

Place/Dorm Deposit: \$200 Refundable

<sup>1</sup>Costs and fees are in US dollars. Also please note that there is a surcharge of 10% for any cancellation of an optional activity, a room & board reservation, and/or a course once fees have been paid.

<sup>2</sup>Incidental costs are paid by individual participants directly to the appropriate Greek authority issuing the visa and/or residence permit.

<sup>3</sup>All homestays are based on availability

**Program fees and optional costs do not include:**

- Transportation expenses to and from Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Trips and excursions.
- Academic courses.
- Meals and personal expenses during trips and excursions.
- Pocket money.
- Visa and residence permit fees (these are paid directly to the Greek authorities).

**CONDITIONS**

The success of the program relies on active participation by all students. For this reason, interns are expected to fully participate in all work and research assignments. Once an applicant has been accepted into the program, he or she must pay a \$200 dormitory deposit in order to guarantee a place in the program. This deposit is not refundable if the applicant later does not participate in the program. If the applicant does enrol in the program, these funds will be used as a damage deposit which is refundable if no damages are incurred by the student while living in the on-campus residence hall. The remaining fees will be payable according to the instructions provided in the information packets students receive when they are notified of their acceptance. All students are expected to abide by the policies and regulations outlined in the Perrotis College *Student Handbook* and the *Residence Life Manual*.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications and instructions are available by contacting the Perrotis College Study Abroad Office [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr). Applicants are asked to submit the completed application and supporting documents electronically to the same email address. If it is not possible to apply electronically, applicants should complete the application by hand and submit it by fax or regular mail, using the following contact information:

Study Abroad 2013-14  
Perrotis College, American Farm School  
P.O. Box 23, 551 02 Thessaloniki, Greece  
Tel: +30-2310-492-800, Fax: +30-2310-492-815

**Application Deadlines:**

- **Fall 2013:** September 1, 2013
- **Spring 2014:** January 10, 2014
- **Summer 2014:** April 1, 2014

Late applications and/or registration for optional activities will be considered on the basis of availability and are subject to a \$50, non-refundable application fee.

**QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS?**

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have—either regarding the application process or the internship program itself. Send an e-mail to [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr) or call us at the telephone numbers listed above.