



INTERNSHIP AND WORK PLACEMENT FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

This program is designed to help students in engineering to start an experience in FRANCE, without being necessarily fluent in French ; but it is also meant to help students to learn French, if they stay long enough, so that they can easily work in a French environment.

The first part of this program is a placement in one of ICAM's research labs. ICAM is basically a school of Mechanical Engineering, with 5 campuses: one in the Northern part of France (LILLE), 3 in the Western part (NANTES, VANNES and LA ROCHE SUR YON) and one in the South West (TOULOUSE). LILLE, NANTES and TOULOUSE not only have research labs in Mechanics, but also labs in Electronics, Materials, Computer Sciences, Thermodynamics and Manufacturing. So there are a lot of subjects all year round that can be picked up, usually connected with local industry : it is more R & D research than pure scientific research ! French students in ICAM usually take these projects during the winter semester, or during the spring semester. They work in twos most of the time, foreign students being added to an existing group. To give an idea of the projects available, here is a list of subjects that will be available in 2009/2010 (winter and spring semester) in NANTES :

Sustainable development : recycling of composites

Manufacturing of composites

Embedded systems

Information systems

The second part of this program is a work placement in a firm, and if possible in a firm whose activity is related to areas of student interest. By the time the second part of the program starts, the student knows enough French to write down a CV and have an interview. The type of work he will have to do depends on the needs of the firm. This work placement may last from 2 to 4 months.

This placement is offered to students who have done already 3 years of Engineering.

All application forms should be addressed to the international office of your University, which will then forward them to ICAM's international applications office for selected students.

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