



The Partnership for Lebanon Internship Program

The Partnership is working to plant the seeds of long term economic growth by placing qualified Lebanese interns in Lebanese businesses and government agencies, as well as in top U.S. corporations.

Through the Partnership's Internship Program, interns are gaining real world experience at companies like Cisco, Intel, GHAFARI and Microsoft and learning critical skills to help them build successful careers and businesses.

Progress to Date

The first group of interns, young men and women with diverse academic backgrounds, completed six month internships at top U.S. companies in the winter of 2007. All of them have since found jobs in Lebanon. "It's wonderful hosting interns here at Cisco," said Christina McGlew, intern manager. "They've done excellent work, added value to our business and they've also proven to be great friends and colleagues. I think we've learned as much from them as they've learned from us."

"This is an experience I'll never forget," said Karim Kattouf, a former partnership intern. "Having the chance to come to the United States and work side by side with professionals in top companies was an unbelievable opportunity. When we went back to Lebanon, we took great memories with us and, just as important, the skills to help transform our country into a better place to live and raise a family."

The Partnership is working with the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) to expand the internship program in Lebanon. Twenty-five interns are working in IT and technical fields in CDR and other government agencies in Lebanon. An internship program focused on Lebanon's private sector is being readied to launch as well.

How You Can Help

The Partnership's ability to expand the internship program will rely in part on the generosity of those individuals and corporations who share our commitment to the people of Lebanon.

A contribution of any amount will help support the program. A \$15,000 donation sponsors a Lebanese intern at a Lebanese company for 11 months. A \$35,000 donation sponsors a Lebanese intern at a U.S. company for six months.

In addition, you can make an in-kind contribution by sponsoring an intern from Lebanon at your company.

Corporations and individuals that take an active role in supporting the internship program may be eligible for inclusion on the Partnership for Lebanon Web site, newsletter, and other public relations materials and activities.

To find out how you can get involved, please email internship@partnershipforlebanon.org.

About Us

The Partnership for Lebanon was launched by the leaders of Cisco, Intel, GHAFARI, Microsoft and Occidental Petroleum. These leaders share a common conviction that U.S. companies can play a transformative role in distressed regions around the world.

Towards that end, the Partnership is working with U.S. and Lebanese businesses, government officials, NGOs and stakeholders on the ground to establish public private partnerships aimed at expanding the reach of education and workforce training, helping to create good jobs for the people of Lebanon and building Lebanon's technology infrastructure.

For more information, please visit us at PartnershipforLebanon.org.

