

SAEG (Study Abroad Engagement Grant) INTERNSHIPS in Northern Italy	
Number of Awards:	2
Application Deadline:	December 13, 2024
Grant Description:	Two internships available for U.S. students: 1. Internship in Business Development with focus on the following fields: Strategy, Marketing, Business modelling, Business planning, Business Development, Market research. 2. Internship in the Automotive Start Up sector with a two-fold interest: Venture Capital, Open Innovation and Technology Transfer, as well as Technology Scouting and support to the creation of “Proof of Concept” projects for corporate and innovative startups. Areas of interest are: vehicle electrification (sensor technology, digital twin, etc.), performance and motorsport (additive manufacturing, driver safety solutions, etc.) autonomous driving solutions, and new business models and sustainability. Both companies are located in Northern Italy, one in Padua (1) and the other in Modena (2). Duties will include support to the activities and participation in specific projects, 30 hours per week. Both companies require interns to work in presence and remotely, usually three days in presence and two days remotely.
Grant Period:	3 months: May – July, 2025. SAEG grantees will be required to participate in a one-to-two days Fulbright Meeting organized by the Fulbright Commission in June.
Candidate Profile and Eligibility:	Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States of America at the time of the application deadline. Permanent residents are not eligible. Applicants at all degree levels (Bachelor's degree or masters' and doctoral candidates) with specific interest in Startup, Innovation, Technology Transfer, Marketing, and Business Development. Applicants should have at least two years of studies in any of the fields of interest described above. Soft skills: Excellent communication skills, being team player, adaptability and ambassadorial skills.
Affiliations:	Internship 1 in Padua: founded in 2018 in Italy, the company is an international team spanned across many different countries in Europe. Its product is a drive sharing app where owners can share their vehicles with drivers. The app creates a system in which one can have access to a car, a motorcycle, or commercial vehicle in the most efficient and sustainable way saving time and money. By registering on their platform owners can set the sharing time, distance, price, and other terms, being able to accept or decline drivers' request. At the same time, drivers are able to choose any vehicle and terms of sharing that best suit their needs. With the help of AI and advanced technologies, the company guarantees maximum security and transparency providing necessary information such as the performance of owners, drivers, and vehicles. Overcoming outdated paperwork, the company creates smart

	contracts at the start of the ride while one of a kind built-in insurance covers drivers and all kinds of vehicles. Internship 2 in Modena: this company is the world's largest Open Innovation platform: on one hand, it connects startups with leading corporations, and on the other, it invests and fosters investments to help startups grow, all with a global approach that facilitates internationalization and connections with Silicon Valley. Launched in 2006 in Silicon Valley, today the company is present in more than 60 cities worldwide. It is positioned as a leading innovation platform with over 550 corporate partners, 85,000 startups in its proprietary database, and a total investment value of over \$12 billion in a variety of companies. In Italy, the offices are currently focused on the Food & Beverage, Fintech, and Sustainability sectors (Milan), Automotive (Modena), and Aerospace sectors (Turin).
Language Requirement:	The internship will be in English. Conversational Italian language to facilitate interaction within the local community is recommended but not mandatory. Additional UN official language other than English will be considered a plus.
Grant Benefits:	The grant amounts to \$6,500. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of \$4,500, a settling-in allowance of \$900, and a travel allowance of \$1,100 to cover a round-trip ticket.
Health Insurance	During their stay in Italy, interns will benefit of supplemental health and accident insurance stipulated by the Commission. The validity of the coverage will be the exact grant period and will be applicable only in Italy. This insurance is not intended to replace the grantee's normal insurance policy, which should be maintained during the grant period.
Housing	Interns are responsible for securing housing for the period they will spend in Italy. The Commission recommends that immediately after being selected they reach out to their host companies that will provide information and assistance to facilitate the search of suitable accommodations close to their offices.
Dependents:	The SAEG Internship program does not support dependents or family members. Candidates may not have any dependents accompany them for any time during the program.
How to apply:	Applicants must send to fulbright@fulbright.it a statement of purpose indicating which internship they are applying for, and highlighting: • motivations for their choice and their participation in the program • their expectations • how they plan to engage with the host community and share their own culture and values, fulfilling their role of cultural ambassador • their future plans and how this experience will help them reach their future professional goals The statement must be accompanied by the following documents: • Valid passport (biographical page) • Curriculum vitae/resume • University transcripts • Other language certificates if available.
Selection criteria:	- Strong academic background - Strong affinity between applicants' future plans and internship's focus - Strong awareness of ambassadorial role Also preference could be given to: - applicants who are studying or have studied in small US universities - applicants who have not had extensive, recent previous experience in Italy

	- applicants who have not previously held a Fulbright grant in Italy
Please note that the Commission is strongly committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all its programs. “Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding.” (from ECA website)	

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