



Embark on a new journey with our Hospitality Program as you create lasting impressions and unforgettable dining experiences for guests from around the world. Master your craft as you work side-by-side with hospitality leaders in areas that range from catering and fine dining to pastry and quick service.

The primary goals of Hospitality Intern and Trainee Programs are to enhance your skills and expertise and to improve knowledge of American business techniques, methodologies, and technology. Intern and Trainee programs cannot be used for ordinary employment or to displace American workers. The program will help increase your understanding of American culture, while also enhancing Americans' knowledge of your culture, customs, and practices. Through this program, you will help to promote mutual understanding while building global knowledge, skills, and friendships. Build upon your classroom studies through our Hotel Internship Program opportunities. Learn first-hand about a hotel's operations in front desk, culinary and food beverage sectors. iLikettravel Hotel internships allows you to truly experience the industry from various branded hotel groups. Get immersed in the American culture and business and find your true calling in the travel industry.

Do i Qualify for the program?

The J-1 visa can provide an opportunity for practical “on-the job” training in the U.S. either interns or trainees. Here are some things to keep in mind if you are considering a career-enhancing J-1. General eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Interns Must:
- Be at least 18 years old to 30 years.
- Be enrolled in an accredited academic institution or have graduated within 12 months of your internship start date.
- Have the English skills necessary to operate in an American workplace?
- Train in a field related to your academic or professional background.
- Trainees Must:
- Be at least 18 years old to 30 years.
- Have a diploma from an accredited academic institution and at least 1 year of related professional work experience (or 5 years of relevant professional work experience if you do not have a post-secondary degree)
- Have the English skills necessary to operate in an American workplace?
- Plan to train in a field related to your academic and/or professional background.

Do i Qualify for the program?

We keep the process for growing your career simple and straightforward. Most importantly, we keep it personal. Our application process ensures that we make a proper inventory of your ambitions and career goals. We will walk you through everything you need to know, step by step.

Step 1. Apply online.

Speak with the Internship representative @ iLiketrial to learn more about the program and determine if it is right for you.

Step 2. Begin your registration process with iLiketrial

Complete our online application and tell us about your hospitality experience, hospitality studies and we will build your professional resume.

Step 3. Interview, Get accepted & Match.

Interview with host properties and accept the Internship training offer that is right for you.

Once an employment offer has been accepted by trainee candidate, our partners abroad will apply via the U.S. Department of State, to assist with the Form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility, and the J-1 visa application.

Step 4. Visa & Departure Preparation

Once you receive training offer, iLiketrial will assist you and apply for your J-1 visa, arrange your travel, and help you prepare to depart.

Step 5. Complete Our Training online

Complete the Online Orientation and get ready to embark your travel dream!

Step 6. Travel to Your Host Property

The Benefits

- Receive hands-on and virtual training in many disciplines: Culinary, Food & Beverage, Front Operations
- You bring a unique blend of experience, passion, and integrity to your role—and you are not alone. Here, you are surrounded by like-minded hospitality professionals who strive to learn from and support each other. As your career aspirations are fulfilled, you will have the chance to experience unprecedented growth, both professionally and personally.
- Immerse yourself in the operations of a hotel through mini departmental rotations.
- Network with global colleagues through your internship program.

Whats included in the program

- Health, accident, and liability insurance for the duration of the programme (maximum of 12 months)
- All processing costs in South Africa and the USA
- Application, interview, and placement
- Visa application assistance for DS-2019 (J-1 internship visa) for a 12-month duration with the America Consulate
- Pre-departure orientation
- Participant handbook and guide
- Accommodation assistance
- Online Tax-back application assistance
- Assistance and emergency service through the USA based partner for the full duration of the programme.
- US SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System)



How long does it take for iLikettravel to offer me a program?

It can take anywhere from 3 weeks up to 3-6 months for iLikettravel to find you a job offer. This depends on your preferred start date, and your flexibility on your preferences of the career program, Typically, if you are available within 2-3 months, we can locate an offer close to your requested start date within a few weeks of your interview.

What about accommodation?

For our Hospitality USA programs most of our employers offer accommodation upon arrival (normally for 2 weeks). After that you are supposed to find something on your own but the hotel, iLikettravel and our partner abroad will assist you with this. With over 7,000 alumni housing has never been an issue so you can rest assured that you will be able to find something suitable and affordable.

How much money will I make? What is my salary?

You will receive a competitive salary, which allows you to have enough money to cover your expenses. If you get paid on hourly wages, you will be eligible for overtime pay. If you work in the F&B department, you will receive gratuity on top of your salary. In the USA, customers are required to pay 15-20% of the total bill. You are also required to pay for federal, state and city income taxes, but you will be eligible for tax refunds.

Can you apply to the program if you have graduated more than a year ago?

Yes, absolutely. If you have a hospitality degree and at least 1 year of recent relevant work experience, you can apply.

How will the interview process be with the host organization?

Most host organizations will have a telephone interview with you, but it can happen that they would conduct a Skype interview. The number of interviews depends on the needs of the host organization. Some host organizations conduct 1 interview while others may conduct 2 or more interviews.