



My Externship in Bad Homburg An Internship and enjoying the World Cup

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Robert Henry is a student from Boston College which consists of three campuses located alongside the Commonwealth Avenue and not far from Boston's famous historical sites such as the freedom trail. Henry's majors are Finance and Accounting. Henry has sent us a report on his most educational internship, supported by the USA Interns Program of the Steuben-Schurz-Society and some most exciting days when the Germans had their football World Cup final.

I had an internship with a firm called Feri AG. The company was located in Bad Homburg, a suburb of Frankfurt located about twenty-five minutes outside of the city. I worked for a division within the firm called Feri EuroRating Services. My group was tasked with evaluating different investment groups' various investment funds for both the investment firms themselves, as well as for our own private investors. After a thorough qualitative and quantitative review of individual investment products, we would assign ratings to each product.

My average day at work was very typical of what you might expect from any summer internship at a financial institution. This means working a lot with excel spreadsheets in order to organize and mine data, creating graphics and pitch books for presentations, and, as the only native English speaker within our group, correcting the English within presentations and write-ups for investors.



Robert Henry (left) with a colleague on a Frankfurt tower

One major difference between my experience in Bad Homburg, and a more typical American one, was that my bosses and I shared a single office. This meant that I was constantly able to ask questions, discuss various details, and generally get to know them a lot better than if I had been by myself in a cubicle. Everyone at the firm was very helpful regarding my

acclimation to the lifestyle of a German office, whether it be helping with my German skills, inviting me out to lunch, or simply having a conversation with me at the coffee machine. I truly cannot thank them enough.

My time in Germany was not all spent at work though of course. I made several trips around Germany, including Berlin, Mainz, and Würzburg, Frankfurt itself as a city also had a lot to offer. I was fortunate enough to have a few friends living in the city for the summer as well, and we enjoyed the nightlife, restaurants, and simply walking in between the various skyscrapers.



My favorite experience of my time in Frankfurt was enjoying the World Cup with the rest of the country. It is an atmosphere that I have never seen before. Quite simply, it is a country living and breathing football for an entire month. This was only compounded by the fact the Germany was able to win the World Cup this summer. Watching the final in Frankfurt was almost surreal, and the car horns, chants, and general revelry continued long into the morning.

I can definitively say looking back on my experience, that it was by far one of the most educational, entertaining, and exciting summers of my life, and I only wish that I could go back and do it all over again. I would like to thank Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft and the USA-Interns program for making this all a reality. -