

## **Global Internship Application Sample Essays**

Essay Prompt: *Give an example of your strategies for interacting with people who are different from you and adapting to new environments and cultures.*

### **(A) Strong:**

When given the opportunity to experience new worlds, one must appreciate the culture and customs that they are welcomed in to, and with an open mind, one can enjoy unimagined lifestyles. As a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, I spent several years traveling the globe, and immersing myself into a variety of cultures and challenges from humanitarian missions to combat zones. One quality that resonated throughout all my travels was humanity and seeing the beauty of equality within diversity. When we allow ourselves to explore and engage in new societies and new traditions, we are rewarded with new ideas and new cultures that teach us to see the beauty of working together with others that are different from us.

One strategy of interacting with people that are different from us is taking time to respect daily customs and traditions and to demonstrate the respect we have for being welcomed into their world. If we arrive in a new world, we should understand appropriate greetings, hierarchies, learning proper office etiquette, how to interact adhering to their social norms, how to dress and how to act. In addition to acting appropriately, we should also research social and business taboos that may be acceptable in America but could be interpreted as offensive in a foreign country.

Living in a different country can be fun, adventurous and rewarding, and all we really need is common sense and respect. I would take initiative when given an internship by doing research about the company I would be assigned to, so I am prepared with the mission and expectations of myself as an intern. Upon the start of my internship, I would introduce myself to all the staff that I interact with and look for opportunities to volunteer along with an eagerness to integrate my ideas and experience to the goals of my department.

### **(B) Needs Improvement:**

The Bay Area is very diverse, and I have grown up around people from all different backgrounds. I have learned about different food, languages, and customs. I love learning about different cultures and want to put myself in a completely new culture in a new country for an entire summer.