

Office for Science and Technology Embassy of France of in the USA Consulate General of France in Atlanta

Summer Internship Call for Applicants

Host Institution

The Office for Science and Technology

The Office for Science and Technology (OST) is a multidisciplinary team of professors, researchers and scientists spread throughout the United States, with its headquarters at the Embassy of France in Washington DC and six offices in the consulates of France in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. These strategic locations ensure coverage of high-potential sectors in terms of research, technological innovation and dynamic science policies.

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the OST maintains close ties with the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, as well as with all the actors in the French research ecosystem. It acts in cooperation with the other services of the Embassy (cultural service, economic service, social affairs service), and works in close collaboration with the representatives of the CNRS, INSERM, CNES, CEA and INRAE present at the Embassy of France in Washington DC with whom it forms the "Mission pour la science et la technologie".

Website of the Office for Science and Technology: <https://france-science.com>

The Office for Science and Technology in Atlanta

The Office for Science and Technology in Atlanta ensures the action of the Mission pour la science et technologie in the entire consular district, i.e. six states: Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, the state of Florida depending on the Consulate General of France in Miami and the territory of Puerto Rico.

Its creation in February 2010 marks the willingness of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to participate in the scientific and technological dynamism of the Southeast of the United States through the development of structuring partnerships between local public or private institutions and French organizations.

Website of the Office for Science and Technology in Atlanta:
<https://atlanta.consulfrance.org/office-for-science-and-technology>

Supervision of the internship

The internship will take place at the Consulate General of France in Atlanta. The intern will be supervised by the Deputy Attaché for Science and Technology in Atlanta, under the supervision of the Attaché.

Duration of the internship

The internship will take place over the summer. Exact start and end dates will be determined with the successful candidate.

Objectives of the internship

- Identify key areas of scientific research and technological innovation in the Southeastern states,
- Participate in a review of scientific and technological cooperation between France and the Southeastern United States,
- Conduct interviews with key interlocutors on the theme of the internship,
- Manage a project in coordination with the internship supervisor.

Candidate Profile

- In science/public policy/international relations/engineering undergraduate or graduate program in an American university,
- Background allowing a follow-up of research, public policies and technological innovations in the district,
- Candidate based in the United States: American nationality/green card/visa F1/visa J1.

Qualifications required

Know-how

- Fluency in written and spoken English (fluency in French will be appreciated),
- Use of office tools (Microsoft Office),
- Online documentary research,
- Writing skills.

Soft skills

- Relational ease,
- Team spirit,
- Initiative driven.

Deliverable

To be defined with the internship supervisor (report, presentation, video, etc.).

Proposed Topic

Analysis of the Southeastern United States region to identify major areas of technological competitiveness for the region.

The Southeast aspires to become a lung of Tech in the United States and to do so relies on a network of universities and research centers of excellence as well as the establishment of federal agencies. In Atlanta, the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), the number one training center for American engineers and ranked second in the country for its aerospace engineering curriculum, is located next to the headquarters of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the federal agency in charge of the U.S. public health strategy, and Emory University, among other renowned institutions. These leading institutions participate in the animation and development of major sectors such as the aerospace and biomedical sectors.

Beyond the city of Atlanta, who are the main players in scientific and industrial research in the Southeastern states? What are the key sectors in the region? What are the prospects in the different fields?

The course will explore these questions based on a parallel between France and the Southeast United States in terms of research and innovation.

Important notice

This is an unpaid internship. Candidates must be enrolled in an US academic institution and show proof of medical coverage.

How to Apply

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Rami Abi-Akl, Attaché for Science and Technology (Head of the Office for Science and Technology in Atlanta): attache-univ@ambascience-usa.org

Application deadline: February 25th.