



You are working for an organization, a company, a municipality, a university or an association and pursue social, ecological and economical sustainability goals? You would like to offer young persons who are dedicated to fair and sustainable development a project internship including concrete tasks? From May to July, August or September – depending on the field of activity and the program format – you can propose a project internship for the ASA program 2018.

The ASA program

is a learning and qualification program dedicated to development education based in Germany. It is aimed at young people who want to understand global interdependencies, who ask critical questions and who want to strengthen a fair world. Mutual learning and responsible social action for sustainable development and fair global interaction are at the heart of the program.

The ASA program is part of Engagement Global gGmbH – Service for Development Initiatives and is mostly financed by the German Ministry of Development and Economic Cooperation (BMZ).

Course of the program

During seminars lasting several days the participants gain competences dealing with diversity and conflicts as well as methods of group and project work. Participants exchange about their own position within global power structures and reflect on privileges and racism. During the three-to six-months project internships in African, Asian, Latin American or South-Eastern European countries – and in Germany – the participants contribute to your project objectives and get to know new perspectives on your field of work. They reflect on their experiences and develop ways to integrate them in their everyday life and in future engagement.

Why should you become a partner of the ASA program?

- As a partner organization you profit from qualified and committed young persons who support your project and your organization. While they bring in their experiences, impressions and ideas, they are eager to learn from you.
- You can set off important impulses for the participants' future involvement. After their project internship, they get involved in sustainable development and promote the understanding of global interdependencies.
- You profit from the global partner and alumni network of the ASA program.
- Offering a project in partnership with another organization can contribute to an extension and consolidation of your international cooperation. The common project – from proposition to support of the participants – opens up the opportunity of establishing or further developing a project partnership.
- After the conclusion of the project internship you get, if required, a detailed report from the participants and an evaluation of results of the project.

ASA program calendar

Mai to July, August or September, 2017

Deadline for submission of project proposals (please consider concrete dates)

Mid of October, 2018

Project selection by the ASA program

November 20, 2017, to January 10, 2018

Publication of the selected ASA projects online. Interested young professionals and students can apply.

January and February, 2018

Selection of participants

March to June, 2018

Participants attend at least two seminars in Germany or Europe. Contact between participants and partner organizations is established.

April to July, 2018

Three-month project internship in Germany within the global format and the fields of activity ASAprenuers and ASA university cooperation.

Between July, 2018, and January, 2019

Three-month project internship of the participants in the partner countries.

February and March, 2019

Review of the project phase, exchange about future engagement and networking. Realization of public events by the participants are possible.

Fields of activity and program formats

Fields of activity differ according to the partner organizations being active in different areas of sustainable global development. The program formats vary in the constellation of the participants' teams.

ASA – Sustainable development and global partnership

Project internships in organizations of international cooperation and civil society deal with multiple strategies for a global sustainable development.

Format basic: After conclusion of both ASA seminars, the participants whose main place of residency is Germany spend their three-month project internship in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.

Format global: Participants from an African, Asian, Latin-American or South-Eastern European country and from Germany form a team. Their project phase has a duration of six months; three months in Germany followed by another three months in a country of the Global South.

GLEN: Within the framework of the Global Education Network of Young Europeans (GLEN), European tandems complete a three-month project internship in a country of the Global South as well as their seminars and activities of Global Learning together.

ASA-Municipal – Learning and engagement in municipal development policy

Together with the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) the ASA program offers a learning and engagement field within the context of municipal development policy.

Format basic: After a couple of days of visiting the German municipality, participants from Germany work three months in a partner municipality in a country of Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.

Format global: Before their three-month stay in the partner municipality in a country of the Global South, participants spend three months in the German partner municipality. Participants from Germany and a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe attend the entire six-month project internship phase, as well as the seminars, together as an international team.

ASApreneurs – Shaping a sustainable world

During project internships in cooperation with commercial companies and organizations of the wider business community, participants deal with the integration of social-ecological sustainability within economic processes.

Format basic: The project phase lasts six months, three months in Germany and three months at a partner organization in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.

ASA university cooperation – Innovative research and applied science for sustainability

Within the framework of a cooperation with institutions of tertiary education, participants co-shape international research projects dealing with social injustice, resource allocation and shortage as well as planetary boundaries.

Format basic: The project phase is six months, three months in Germany and three months at a partner organization in a country of Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.

Format global: Participants from Germany and form a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe attend the entire six-month project internship phase together as an international team.

Who are the ASA participants?

Young people between the ages of 21 and 30 who have completed their vocational training or are currently studying in Germany or the German-speaking Community of Belgium may apply. German citizens living abroad and applicants whose Bachelor degree is not older than 18 months are also eligible.

In the global format, the participants from countries of the Global South are 21 to 35 years old and should be directly connected to the partner organization.

ASA participants are no development experts, but socially committed, wishing to stand up for fair and sustainable development. They look forward to concrete tasks, own room for creative maneuver and the possibility of personal and critical consideration of global issues.

Examples of ASA projects

- Environmental education in Irupana, Bolivia, and Freiburg, Germany
- Theatre production for democracy in Georgia
- Civil society empowerment and participatory budgeting in Treptow-Köpenick, Germany, and Cajamarca, Peru

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