

## Benefits of the Internship

- The joy of living with an urban family for a year in the “Land of the Rising Sun”
- An opportunity to understand the methods and challenges of living in a culture where acting as a group is more important than acting individually.
- A forum for discussing international economics, politics, the environment, and your hopes for the world, with someone from another country.
- A chance to build long-lasting friendships, to develop informed views on global issues, and to become more in touch with yourself.
- An experience of a lifetime.

## Partner Organizations:

### **LEX/Hippo Family Clubs –**

LEX (Institute for Language Experience, Experiment and Exchange) provides a fun, relaxed environment where adults and children are surrounded by the sounds of more than seven languages. It does this through a network of community-based clubs, an exchange program where families host and travel, and a college where LEX conducts research on language, physics, and other related subjects.

### **Labo –**

Labo is a non-formal educational organization that provides an integrated program of youth development, language learning, and cultural exploration for Japanese children and their families. At Labo Party meetings, students learn stories, songs, and plays from around the world which have been recorded in both Japanese and a foreign language -- usually English.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATIONS**

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### **Labo Intern Information & Applications:**

<http://www.labo-exchange.com/intern.html>

### **LEX Intern Information & Applications:**

[http://www.lexlrf.org/exchange/intern\\_information.html](http://www.lexlrf.org/exchange/intern_information.html)

### **State 4-H contact:**

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### **WI 4-H International website:**

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm)



## **Intern in Japan for One Year Through 4-H**

LIVE | WORK | STUDY  
**INTERNATIONALLY!**

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**4-H Youth Development Programs**  
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# Interns Work With 4-H Partner Organizations in Japan and Spend a Full Year Learning and Living in a Unique and Fascinating Country.

## Intern Activities Include:

- Living with 2-6 Japanese families and working as an international programs assistant.
- Assisting with workshops, camps, and group activities for members in Japan.
- Providing assistance and leadership with orientations and selections for International Exchange Programs.
- Submitting reports about experiences and individual study projects to 4-H and Japanese organization.
- Assisting with English office work.
- Participating in organization club meetings at night and on the weekends.
- Presenting on life overseas, languages, and culture.
- Completing a major independent study project or other structured learning experience involving one or more areas of Japanese culture. *(fulfills visa requirement)*

## Intern Applicant Requirements

- Between the ages of 18-25 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the program year for which they are applying.
- Graduated from high school. *(one year of college preferred)*
- Possess a strong interest in Japan and Japanese culture.
- Previously participated in 4-H summer exchange program to Japan. *(preferred, but not required)*
- Have some ability to understand and communicate in Japanese. *(preferred, not required)*

**About Four Interns Are Selected Each Year Between 4-H Partner Organizations in Japan. The application process is very competitive.**



## Application Process

- Application packets are available from the State 4-H Office as well as the LEX/Labo websites.
- Applications are due to the respective Japanese organizations by December 15. Be sure to allow time for references to submit forms and the state coordinator to sign your application.
- Top applicants are interviewed in mid- to late-February. Travel to interviews is paid by the organizations.
- Applicants must submit a cultural project proposal and be prepared to discuss it in their interview session.
- Successful applicants will be notified in mid-March, upon which time additional paper work will be filed.

## Covered Expenses

- Round-trip airfare to Japan.
- Work related travel, including a daily commuting pass. *(personal travel is not covered)*
- A monthly stipend of approx. 90,000 Yen
- Medical and accidental insurance coverage

## Additional Costs:

- Passport Expenses
- Gifts for Host Family
- Lunch While At Work
- Spending Money
- Personal Travel