

Differences between SWAP USA summer – USA Internship – PCT USA programs

	SWAP USA summer -2009	USA Internship	Professional Career Training (PCT)
Main focus	Casual work/travel and summer internships	Internships related to your studies	Training related to your career/studies
Visa duration	J1 visa for 4 months maximum	J1 visa for up to 12 months	J1 visa for up to 18 months (12 months for hospitality traineeships)
When can I leave?	Summer program only	Year round program	Year round program
Type of work	Work does not have to be related to your studies	Internship must be related to your studies	Traineeship must be related to your career/studies
Eligibility criteria	Open to current full time post-secondary students (graduating students allowed) – full time student status for Jan-April 2009 required	Open to post-secondary students AND recent graduates up to 12 months after graduation	Open to professionals with either * a post-secondary diploma/degree and min 1 year work experience in their field OR * at least 5 years work experience in their field (min. finished high school)
How to apply	Apply through any Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus office – application forms available here	Apply directly to SWAP with both parts of forms: 1) intern/participant application form 2) company part of the application form	Apply directly to SWAP with both parts of forms: 1) trainee/participant application form 2) company part of the application form
Extensions	No extensions possible	Can be extended to a maximum of 12 months	Can be extended to a maximum of 18 months (12 months for hospitality traineeships)
When to find the job	No job offer needed prior to departure, job can be found once in the US. Preference is given to participants with pre-arranged jobs.	Job/Internship offer needed to apply (visit www.swap.ca for tips & tricks for your internship search)	Job/Internship offer needed to apply (visit www.swap.ca for tips & tricks for your traineeship search)
Changing jobs?	Can change jobs	Cannot change internship	Cannot change traineeship
Repeat participation	Repeat participation allowed – as many times you want as long as you are eligible	Repeat participation allowed, min. 90 days in between 2 visas	Repeat participation allowed, min 2 years wait time in between 2 visas
Registration fee	Registration fee for 2009: 597\$ including insurance, 485\$ with pre-existing insurance	Registration fee depends on the length of stay – starting at \$970	Registration fee depends on the length of stay – starting at \$1265
More details	More info available here	More info available here	More info available here