

## International Exchange Center Announces Expansion of Trainee Occupational Fields

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WASHINGTON— The American Immigration Council's International Exchange Center is pleased to announce the expansion of the occupational field for which they are designated to sponsor training. The Department of States has extended the International Exchange Center's programming to include opportunities in: Arts & Culture; Tourism; Social Sciences, Library Science, Non-clinical Counseling, and Social Services.

These newly approved occupations are in addition to the previously approved occupations in Law and Public Administration; Business, Management, Finance, and Commerce; Media and Communications; and the Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics and Industrial Occupations.

Director of the International Exchange Center, Lois Magee, says "We're excited to expand the opportunities for training in the United States to include areas in which the U.S. leads such as the eco tourism, community development, and animation. The new designations help facilitate the exchange of ideas across our borders and help us to have a wider international influence."

The International Exchange Center provides young professionals with the chance to learn and grow through training and internship programs in the United States. Partnering with companies since 2000 to offer training in fields such as renewable energy, small business finance, journalism, and proprietary law, over 2,400 exchange visitors have developed their professional skills while gaining an understanding of the people of the United States. The new trainee designations are yet another step towards cross cultural understanding, skill building, and creative positive ties with people around the globe.

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**The American Immigration Council's International Exchange Center** <u>www.communityeducationcenter.org</u>. The purpose of the International Exchange Center is to create educational resources and opportunities that recognize our immigrant heritage. Dedicated to respecting, valuing, and celebrating cultural differences, the International Exchange Center programs create a synergy of the best ideas from many cultures for the benefit of all.

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