

Thompson Global Internship Program

Founded by SJSU alumnus Jim Thompson, the Thompson Global Internship Program (TGIP) in the College of Business provides top undergraduate students with paid internship opportunities at non-US locations. The Thompson Global Internship Program is a unique opportunity for College of Business students to live abroad while completing a project for Crown Worldwide Group. Students work together in teams with other similarly qualified students on a significant and meaningful project at Crown's headquarters in Hong Kong or one of its other many locations.

Crown Worldwide Group provides funds for travel expenses, accommodations, per diem and salary. The international internship requires students to work 40 hours per week on a company-designated project. The benefits of participation are many: international experience, practical education and job experience in students chosen field, cultural discovery, and more.

The first TGIP team completed a three-week project for Crown Worldwide Group, headquartered in Hong Kong with 250 worldwide locations. The project was to examine the efficiency of operations at Crown's Shared Services Center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "Working on this project allowed us to apply the concepts we have learned in the classroom to a real life international business situation," explained the team.

An important aspect of the program's design, the team experienced the eclectic culture of Kuala Lumpur, where a juxtaposition of culture and religion exists. These cultural experiences are as essential to TGIP as the project related activities.

TGIP is a unique opportunity for College of Business students and is the only program of its type in the US at the undergraduate level. It gives students a competitive edge in a global economy; and the added cultural experience gained from working for a company outside of the US is invaluable given the diversity of the Silicon Valley workforce.

