



# International Internship Program

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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Student Intern

Central Japan Railway Company &  
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### Combine language studies and engineering

I had an interest in going to Japan to study Japanese, and I didn't want to study abroad because I couldn't fulfill any of my engineering required courses that way. IIP provided a way for me to accomplish that goal and strengthen my resume without delaying my graduation.

### Build upon academic coursework

The first-hand experience I received working for companies that are so closely related to the field of engineering gave me a good look into how those types of companies function, and what the day-to-day work of an engineer is like. As a student studying electrical engineering, that experience has and will continue to prove invaluable to helping me search for jobs, and steer my future career in a direction that I would like it to go.

### Advice for Interested Students

Just go for it! Even if you don't think you will get accepted, or have cold feet about going abroad, if you have any interest in it at all, you should apply because if you do get in, it is guaranteed to be a new and exciting experience that will probably change your life.



**Tokyo, Japan**



Wyatt received the Bucky's Award for Global Citizenship [pictured with IIP's Michelle Kern Hall]

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