CEWIL/Cultural Vistas Partnership Information

Cultural Vistas, is a mission driven nonprofit cultural exchange organization founded in 1963. We serve close to 6,000 students, professionals, and emerging leaders, ages 18-70, across 20 unique programs each year. We are headquartered in New York, with regional offices in Washington, D.C., and Berlin, Germany with nearly 100 full-time staff.

We offer international internships, professional training, study tours, language, and cultural immersion programs for participants from 135 countries around the world.

A U.S. Department of State designated J-1 visa sponsor, Cultural Vistas has worked in partnership with Canadian universities for over 20 years, and we are honored to have been selected by CEWIL as preferred J-1 visa sponsor for the past 5 years. We value our longstanding partnerships with Canadian universities and have a dedicated Client Relations department whose purpose is to nurture, service, and develop these relationships. We offer CEWIL universities competitively discounted partner fees and personalized services including a key-contact person to answer questions and offer timely updates. Cultural Vistas offers a 24-hour emergency phone line and as of April 2018 we offer our participants enrolled on our insurance plans unlimited mental health benefits free of charge through Talkspace.

Cultural Vistas Program Fees – 20 business day processing:

Length of work term CEWIL member cost

- 0 – 3 months: US $ 750 (standard cost US $ 775)
- 4 – 6 months: US $ 800 (standard cost US $975)
- 7 – 12 months: US $ 800 (standard cost US $1 275)

Expedited 5-day processing fee US $1,000 (standard cost US $1,350)

SEVIS fee: $220 - Cultural Vistas collects the SEVIS fee from the student and remits it to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Student and Exchange Visitor Program on behalf of the student.

Detailed costs for students (that do not take into account the CEWIL member discount) and employers are posted at Train USA Costs + Refunds.

Information for host companies can be found on our website

Application process for J-1 Visa through Cultural Vistas:

CEWIL institution
Cultural Vistas will work with a contact person at each institution with CEWIL membership to help facilitate J-1 visas for students. Please provide Roxana Pleacoff (rpleacoff@culturalvistas.org) at Cultural Vistas with the name and contact details for your institutional contact.

To ensure that co-op students from all member institutions receive the CEWIL discount, please provide Roxana Pleacoff (rpleacoff@culturalvistas.org) with a list of students who will be applying for a J-1 Visa. You may also wish to introduce the student via email so we can offer guidance with their applications. Student names can be submitted on an ongoing basis as students inform you that they will be applying for the visa. (please see below for how students indicate that they come from a CAFCE member institution).

**Students:**

Students from CEWIL member institutions can apply online at [Train USA Application Process](#). On your application request form, section “Learned About Cultural Vistas” please select “CEWIL” from the dropdown menu. This selection indicates to your Program Officer at Cultural Vistas that you are eligible for the CEWIL discounted fee.

**Host Company:**

Cultural Vistas will contact the host company representative provided by the student to offer next steps instruction on how to complete the host company application. After evaluating the student and host application materials Cultural Vistas will provide both parties with an update and may request additional information before processing the application and issuance of the visa documents.

For additional questions regarding the application process, or program eligibility requirements, students can contact the Train USA team at train@culturalvistas.org. Please indicate that you are a student from a CEWIL member institution and provide the name of your university, or an employer wishing to host a student from a CEWIL member institution.