

Kate Leslie: My name is Kate Leslie and I'm a KPMG intern in Dallas, Texas, but today I'm in Paris. Not Paris, Texas but Paris, France.

I've been living in Paris for the past four weeks with KPMG's global internship program. And I do work hard here in Paris and I've learned a lot, but I just feel like I'm on vacation every single day. There's always something new to do and something new to see, and I've had so much fun.

I have travelled abroad with my family and vacationed here in Europe before and I just really felt like I've never gotten enough of Europe. So when KPMG came and gave a global mobility presentation at my school, I became really interested in their global options and was so delighted to figure out that they start it as early as within internship. So that really, I feel like solidified my decision to intern with KPMG.

Blane Ruschak: KPMG, if you were to look at a map, you'd see that we have over a 120,000 employees working worldwide in over 140 countries and so it's really important, it's imperative for us, that we have employees that are flexible and adaptable and can move across borders beyond just the US, to assist in programs and needs we have all across the world.

So there are many opportunities from the day you start as an intern, all the way up to that senior partner level to, you know, spend time on short term and long term global opportunities.

Kate Leslie: Well, the first step in applying for the global internship program is, of course, receiving and accepting your offer with KPMG and after you accept your offer every intern gets an email, notifying them that the application is available online. And I really encourage anyone to apply because it was simple and easy. I applied online in a day and when I got my notification that I was accepted, I was completely ecstatic.

Karina Carpenter: We invest in the global internship program, because it provides us with a valuable resource to serve our clients. Working in a US desk outside of the United States, we don't have a full team of resources available to us.

Having interns and rotators come on a short-time basis provides us with the opportunity to leverage our work and it gives the interns and the other rotators an opportunity to experience working on a global basis, not only with our clients that have activities and operations outside the US, but with our colleagues at the other member firms of KPMG International.

Kate Leslie: Well, every global internship is split between a domestic home office and an international office. And mine was split between the Dallas, Texas office and Paris.

The Paris office was a little smaller than the Dallas office, so I got to work more closely with partners and managers. And we also work here with the audit team whereas back in Dallas I did more corporate touch return work.

The systems that we used here were all the same as what we use in the US, so that was really nice. And I feel like everything that I have learned here in Paris I will definitely be able to take that to Dallas and use it there.

I do arrive here at the Paris office a little later in the morning but I also leave a little later at night. And that's to account for the time difference here because we do work so closely with the US firms.

I work really closely with senior associates and my managers here. I do something different every single day, whether it be, you know, tax research or tax revision work or updating spreadsheets for, you know, averaging current exchange rates.

Karina Carpenter: We are a US tax resource outside of the United States and that means that we get to work on compliance, consulting, audit assistance... That means that she get exposure to multiple different tax practices and engagements while working in Paris and has the opportunity to start building her global network within the firm.

Kate Leslie: When you start your internship, you're assigned a buddy and a performance manager. And a buddy is usually someone close to your age, who's usually an associate, that is kind of there to help you with those you know first day questions and stuff like that.

And the performance managers usually someone who's a little more senior, that plays more of a professional role during your internship.

Natalie Bolano: Being Kate's mentor has been a lot of fun. Being out on a rotation myself, it's been great to have someone to explore the city with and just kind of get acclimated to the work environment.

And that's the great thing about KPMG, no matter where you are, no matter what level you are, there'll be someone there to transition you and to help you bringing them to the work environment and bringing them to the KPMG family.

Kate Leslie: The world is getting more global and now more than ever it's so important to be a part of that global economy and, you know, I'm starting networking as early as my internship by creating contacts in the United States as well as here in Paris.

I feel like I've grown, not only professionally, but personally as well by living in another culture and experiencing something different than what I'm used to.

This internship has definitely helped tweak my interest in one day doing a long-term global rotation when I do join the firm and until then working on global accounts from at the Dallas office.

My name is Kate Leslie and this is my life at KPMG.

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