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Description:

The Japan Research Center (JRC) which opened in 2002, is an arm of Harvard's Business School, and plays an important role in helping HBS develop and strengthen relationships with business and academic leaders throughout Japan. The JRC was founded to satisfy strong interest on the part of the HBS faculty in this dynamic region. As a result, the JRC's work has greatly increased the volume of in-depth research and course materials that focus on business management issues specific to Japanese companies. In addition, the JRC has strengthened its relationships with important profit and not-for-profit constituencies in Japan. Since its inception, the JRC has supported HBS faculty in developing important class materials on management and economic issues in the region that are used both at HBS and business schools around the world. To further support research being carried out in the greater region, the JRC works collaboratively with the Asia-Pacific Research Center and Harvard Center Shanghai.

The JRC's research mission is twofold: to cooperate closely with professors at HBS in their research and course development (by writing case studies), and to work with companies in Japan to identify case studies that present significant learning opportunities.

Internship description:

Interns may assist in some or all aspects of the work at JRC. Depending on what is going on when the interns arrive, students will participate in case writing and analytical work, desk research (e.g. company/industry/country micro and macroeconomic background research based on public data), helping pitch ideas in the discovery/ development phase, and more. This is an amazing opportunity for undergraduate students to delve into fascinating management issues, with a particular focus on the Japanese economy. In addition to business research activities, you may also assist with work related to Japanese academic programming for HBS MBA students, as well as a range of other center activities as needed.

You have some professional experience, preferably international, and are curious to conduct research on business and management issues in Japan. You have excellent English writing skills and you can synthesize and think analytically. You should ideally also have advanced Japanese proficiency. You will be part of a small highly integrated research team and hence must demonstrate flexibility, strong interpersonal skills, attention to detail, and professionalism.

This intern will be a part of the Reischauer Institute Internship Program, with Harvard University, which will include limited activities in country. The intern will work Monday through Friday, for a minimum of 8 weeks.