The San Francisco Bay Area combines natural beauty and a rich history with vibrant commerce in a region where quaint meets cosmopolitan. At its center stands San Francisco, a beautiful, hilly city on the bay where Latin American, Asian, and European influences meet, from the historic and hip Mission District to vibrant Chinatown and Japantown to Italian-influenced North Beach. The Bay Area is a dynamic center of business activity of all kinds, from healthcare and human services to culture and communications. Just a short drive south is Silicon Valley, the global epicenter of technology innovation and research.

The Bay Area is also a respected center of arts and entertainment, from world-class museums to theatres and concert halls.

Students interning in San Francisco are placed with companies ranging from innovative start-ups to global organizations, multinationals, and NGOs in a variety of industry sectors. Sample internship placements include:

**Business, Finance & Economics**—finance and investment, commercial and retail banking, insurance, and consulting such as:
- Bank of San Francisco
- Base Ventures
- Barnes & Conti

**Television, Film & Journalism**—television, film production, newspapers, magazines, broadcast news, web-based publications, and digital design such as:
- KOFY TV
- Center for Digital Storytelling
- UpOut

**Arts & Culture**—art galleries, cultural organizations, museums, record companies, arts magazines, and entertainment venues such as:
- Centro39
- La Peña Cultural Center
- Kala Art Institute

**Communications**—advertising, public relations, and event management such as:
- Gyro
- Browne Musser
- Propane Studios

**Politics, Law & NGOs**—legal departments, law firms, government, international NGOs, advocacy groups, research and consulting, and electoral campaigns such as:
- The Commonwealth Club
- China SF
- Nonprofit Legal Center

**Healthcare, Social Issues & Education**—university departments, research laboratories, community organizing, and human services such as:
- Child Family Health International
- UCSF Center for Imaging of Neurodegenerative Diseases
- VA Medical Center

**Technology, Engineering & Research**—tech startups, hardware and software, and university departments such as:
- Sqwell
- Urban Design Consulting Engineers
- Aerial Sports League

"I absolutely loved my internship. This company and these people are fantastic. I would stay here for years if I could."

Jen M., Argent Works

"Great experience - fantastic city - Met so many good people."

Nikolaj S., Gigwell