Each year, Alabama businesses host international college students and graduates participating in the Department of State’s J-1 visa Summer Work Travel, Intern, Trainee, Au Pair, and Camp Counselor programs. This collaboration offers myriad diplomacy and national security benefits to our country, and significant economic benefits – including vital tax revenue – to communities across Alabama.

Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:
$4 million
*Source: Summer Work Travel (SWT) Program Review by EurekaFacts, August 2018

American Students Abroad: 3,562
*Total number of U.S. Study Abroad Students enrolled through institutions in the state, 2016/2017. Source: Open Doors 2018

Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants: $4.5 million
*Source: Intern and Trainee Exchange Program Review by EurekaFacts, June 2017

Total Number of Participants:
• Au Pair 28
• Camp Counselor 19
• Intern 224
• Summer Work Travel 754
• Trainee 33
*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2018

Prominent Host Communities:
Foley, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach

Prominent Host Employers:
Brett Robinson Gulf Corporation (Gulf Shores)
Perdido Beach Resort (Orange Beach)
Foley, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach

International Students in the State: 9,549
*Number of international students enrolled at colleges/universities in the state. Source: Open Doors 2018

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