MINNESOTA STATE FACT SHEET

Each year, Minnesota 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 Minnesota.

Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:
$9.2 million

*Source: Summer Work Travel (SWT) Program Review by EurekaFacts, August 2018

Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants:
$11.7 million

*Source: Intern and Trainee Exchange Program Review by EurekaFacts, June 2017

Prominent Host Communities:

Grand Marais, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Nisswa, Rochester, Shakopee

Prominent Host Employers:

Bluefin Bay
Cedar Fair Entertainment
Maddens On Gull Lake
Superior Shores Resort
Valleyfair a Cedar Fair Park Resort

International Students in the State:
15,695

*Number of international students enrolled at colleges/universities in the state. Source: Open Doors 2018

American Students Abroad:
8,612

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

Total Number of Participants:

• Au Pair
  330

• Camp Counselor
  641

• Intern
  445

• Summer Work Travel
  1728

• Trainee
  214

*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2018