Each year, Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island.

**Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:**

$4.6 million

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

**Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants:**

$1 million

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

**Prominent Host Communities:**

Block Island, Newport, Westerly

**Prominent Host Employers:**

Newport Hotel Group – North East Hotels
Spouting Rock Beach Association
Preservation Society

**International Students in the State:**

5,478

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

**American Students Abroad:**

3,253

*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**
  52

- **Camp Counselor**
  64

- **Intern**
  51

- **Summer Work Travel**
  862

- **Trainee**
  9

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