TENNESSEE STATE FACT SHEET

Each year, Tennessee 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 Tennessee.

Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:

$9.5 million

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

Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants:

$7.7 million

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

Prominent Host Communities:

Gatlinburg, Nashville, Pigeon, Forge

Prominent Host Employers:

Ober Gatlinburg
Ripley’s Entertainment

American Students Abroad:

7,099

*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
  120

- Camp Counselor
  65

- Intern
  301

- Summer Work Travel
  1797

- Trainee
  133

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

International Students in the State:

8,870

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