



Update on the SLLIS Intern Program and Amity Institute Partnership

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The SLLIS Intern Program reflects a deep commitment to providing students with authentic, real-world language immersion experiences. The program brings young adults who are native speakers of SLLIS target languages to the United States on J-1 visas. Interns live with SLLIS host families and play an important role in strengthening students' language development by offering daily exposure to natural speech, cultural insight, and meaningful communication in the target languages.

SLLIS has historically partnered with Amity Institute to recruit, screen, and place interns each year. At SLLIS, we deeply value this program and recognize the unique impact interns have had on both language acquisition and school culture. Despite sustained effort to continue the partnership, Amity Institute has recently faced a significant decline in available candidates, which has reduced placement capacity. As a result, SLLIS will likely not be able to host language interns for the 2026-2027 school year.

While this outcome is disappointing given the program's importance to our community, SLLIS remains committed to exploring every possible avenue to restore and sustain this experience for students. The school will continue working with Amity Institute while also actively seeking additional partnerships and recruitment pathways to support the long-term future of language intern programming at SLLIS.