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Placement request

What I expect to learn in the USA during my internship, is how to work in a firm, how to communicate with the other employees and how the process of a project evolves. I've learned a lot at Larenstein but now it's time to make it all real.

I'm very interested in the design of public spaces like town squares or parks. But I am also interested in the scale of gardens or very large spaces. I hope to learn a lot about materials, like pavements, railings, wooden materials, everything what can be used in a design. Beside that, I'm very interested in planting design on any scale. That's because I like to know a lot of plants. And I am, of course, curious about the plants in the USA and how to work with them in a planting design. Further more I like to work at the computer, with computer programs like Acad, Indesign, Photoshop, 3DS Max, Powerpoint etc. I am aware of having a broad field of interest but I have the feeling that things will succeed in this way.

During my studies I haven't worked in a business yet, so this is all new to me. I will have to adapt to a new environment. I would like some supervision to get things in the right direction.

In order to give you some information of the contents of the study Garden & Landscape Architecture at Larenstein please read the following:

The study I am following at the moment has three specializations; design, engineering and management. But all students get the same education during the first two years. We learn to design gardens, public squares, parks, landscapes, "planting plans", landscaping motorways and the surrounding landscape, ecological plans, etc. The assignments we get are very various in character, size and scale.

The process of a design is mostly as follows: the designer will analyze the space and the assignment of for example a public space and make a design. After that the engineer will work the completed design into detail. The manager will plan the maintenance. My chosen specialization is engineering, but I am able to do the jobs of the other specializations too.

The subjects of landscape architecture go from small private garden to the city environment, the landscape scenery and agricultural landscape.