

Please introduce yourself (where are you coming from? how old are you? what are you studying?)

I'm CC and I'm from Chengdu, China. I moved to the US when I was 7 and continued to travel back and forth until high school. I am currently studying Health Care Management at Columbia University.

Why did you choose France? How did you learn about the EHESP?

I learned about the EHESP internship through Columbia and I thought it would be an exciting opportunity to learn about France's health care system first-hand as well as to experience the life and culture here.

What are the reasons you want to come to the EHESP?

I decided to come to EHESP so I could learn about the French health care system and management issues through experience instead of just book-learning.

What have you learned as a foreign exchange student? How do you plan to share your experiences with other students when you return?

I think much of the time, we romanticize the actual situations of other countries when we read about it, so in talking with current students and working with my supervisors, I'm starting to get a more accurate understanding of the good and the bad of French healthcare. I hope to take my new perspective of the French system with me to help my future studies about the US system.

Is it necessary to speak French before coming?

I think knowing some French has made this experience much better and more meaningful. This experience has taught me the necessity of knowing the language when you visit a new country, particularly for working.

What are your future academic and career goals?

I will finish my MPH in management December and I hope to find a position with a cancer care center, which is one of my main health interests. I think cancer is already a horrible condition in itself and lack of access to appropriate care and treatment in the US should simply not exist. I hope to make an impact in this area in the future through a managerial perspective.

What is your favorite thing about France? Your less favorite? How does it compare to your country?

I think France reminds me a lot of China. I love the history, the architecture, and the fact that you can find someplace to sit all day and just people watch. However, I strongly dislike how much it rains in Brittany (I have never seen so much rain!). But, the delicious food makes up for the weather :)