

## **EAFIT Symphony Orchestra internship information**

EAFIT University launches an instrumental internship for musicians with orchestral experience. The idea is to link the musicians in EAFIT symphony orchestra during minimum a year with the aim of participation in the symphony orchestra annual season.

### **Number of internship available**

EAFIT University offers four internships in the instrument required (Bassoon, French horn, Oboe, Strings)

### **Eligibility**

- The internship is launched for Chinese musicians.
- The musicians must have at least the bachelor degree.
- The musicians must have orchestral experience as a concert master assistant in any of the following instruments: Bassoon, French horn, Oboe, strings (mainly violin).
- Spanish language is not required. English abilities will be a plus.

### **Documents required**

- Application form.
- Bachelor degree.
- Copy of the identification document and passport.
- Two recommendation letters.
- 20 minutes video (MPGE or WMV format).
- English or Spanish certification (if it is the case).

### **The program includes**

- Air tickets.
- Economic assistance: 1000 US\$ per month.
- Medical insurance.

***Deadline for receiving applications: July 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.***

***The results will be published 20 days after deadline.***

#### **Notes:**

- *The musicians could take advantage of free Spanish courses offered by EAFIT University. It will be an opportunity to learn one of the most spoken languages in the world.*
- *The musicians could be able to teach at EAFIT University and receive an additional salary.*

## I. EAFIT University general information



EAFIT University is a Higher Education Institution approved by the Education Ministry with the Decree number 759 of May 6, 1971. The university is located in Medellín, Colombia. It has 7890 undergraduate, 1310 graduate students, 786 academic staff, and 359 employees.

### The campus

EAFIT University main campus is located in Medellín. Other campuses are located in Llanogrande (Rionegro), Bogotá and Pereira.

#### Medellin Campus:

EAFIT University is located in Las Vegas Avenue, in a neighborhood called “El Poblado” in Medellín. The neighborhood has population of approximately 100,000 inhabitants.

In 35038 square meters of construction, the campus consists of 20 buildings dedicated to classrooms and research activities; the Founders’ Auditorium (which holds up to 664 people) a Lab Centre, the Luis Echavarría Villegas Library, and a building dedicated to form musicians that represents the city’s contribution to the country’s artistic development.

The University also has 24 computer rooms, a wireless network and the fully equipped multimedia facilities.

Find more information in EAFIT web page:

- <http://www.eafit.edu.co/EafitCn/English/InternationalStudents/LifeOnCampus/>

### History

EAFIT, the Escuela de Administración, Finanzas y Tecnología (School of Management and Finance - Technological Institute) was founded in 1960 by businesspeople with the objective of preparing professionals with the sense of responsibility and the necessary tools for the correct administration of organizations and the growth of the country. Then called EAF, it opened its doors to 59 students, who were to take the undergraduate program in Business Management. In 1962, the Institute of Technology was created, with the financial aid of the “Tools for freedom” program of the U.S. government and the Whirlpool Foundation. In 1971, EAFIT became University and offered only five-year undergraduate programs.

Between 1988 and 1996, EAFIT opened branches in Bogotá and Pereira, offering graduate programs and continuing education courses. In 1996 the campus in Llanogrande was opened, in the town of Rionegro, 40 kilometers outside the city, where undergraduate

courses in Business Management, Civil Engineering and computer Science are being currently offered.

In 1997, the Science and Humanities School was opened, which represented a new academic focus for the community. At the same time, the undergraduate program in Music was launched. In 2000, the School of Law and the undergraduate program Product Design Engineering were opened.

The only Mathematics Engineering program to be found in Colombia began activities in 2002. In 2004, three new undergraduate programs opened: Engineering Physics, Social Communication, and Political Science.

Today, prospective students have a choice in 17 undergraduate, and in 48 graduate programs.

### **Mission**

EAFIT University's Mission is to form individuals able to participate in the development of their community, through undergraduate and graduate programs that will give them international competences in their knowledge areas, within a framework of ideological pluralism and academic excellence.

### **Vision**

EAFIT University, inspired by the highest spiritual values, respectful of the dignity of the individual, and conscious of its social responsibility, seeks to be recognized nationwide and internationally for its academic and research excellence. Through its open and democratic culture it will develop the intellectual ability of students and teachers in all academic programs, building on the foundation of its research capability. It will use advanced technologies and a pedagogical model centered on the student, and maintain relationships with other educational institutions, both nationally and internationally, to continue upgrading staff abilities and programs. It will contribute to the progress of the nation, through innovative research programs and highly professional staff with a sound academic background. All of this is underpinned by a respect for fundamental human values, democracy and free enterprise.

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- <http://www.eafit.edu.co/EafitCn/English/TheUniversity/>

## **II. EAFIT University Music Department**

The Department of Music administrates and manages the contents of the undergraduate and graduate degrees in charge of forming professional musicians capable of working in artistic and pedagogical areas. As well as the contents in mayors, emphasis courses, and continuous education courses related to this area.

The department, conscious of the needs of its students as well as its cultural commitment with the city, formed the EAFIT University Symphony Orchestra. Its purpose to open up a space of practice to the future musicians and offering the community a continuous series of presentations of high professional quality through a complete repertoire of universal music.

Find more information in EAFIT web page:

- <http://www.eafit.edu.co/EafitCn/English/TheUniversity/AcademicDepartments/>

### III. EAFIT Symphony Orchestra - Presentation

EAFIT Symphony orchestra was created in 2000, with the aim to respond the community needs to have a better quality in the symphony orchestra, to satisfy the EAFIT Music Department student's requirements, to make possible the orchestral internship to the musician's students and to facilitate the national and foreign musician's professional activities.

After 10 years, the EAFIT Symphony Orchestra has highly contributed to the culture of the city because of the quality improvement interpretation and the participation of recognized Musicians and Conductors. The EAFIT Symphony Orchestra is one of the most important in Colombia.

### IV. EAFIT Symphony Orchestra Conductor

EAFIT Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Cecilia Espinosa, started her studies at the Antioquia University. Then she studied in the United States at the Longy School of Music the Theory Teaching. Cecilia Espinosa Arango took her graduate studies at the King's College, London University. She has a master degree in Orchestra Conductor of the Hartford University, Connecticut United States.

Cecilia Espinosa has conducted 10 seasons with EAFIT Symphony Orchestra since the orchestra was founded. She also has conducted the National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia and has been invited as guest conductor of orchestras such us: National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba, Latina Philharmonic Orchestra of Sabaudia , Italy, Symphony Orchestra Of Cali, Colombia , Symphonic Orchestra of Barranquilla, and the Philharmonic Orchestra of Bogotá, among others.

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