



GOVERNMENT OF CHILE
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THE TECHNICAL INTERSHIP PROGRAM

In June 2008, President Michelle Bachelet visited the United States and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, setting the beginning of "*Chile – California Plan: An Strategic Association for the twenty-first century*".

This partnership is based on the joint commitment of Chile and California to open collaboration between their institutions, organizations, universities, research centers, companies and citizens, to nurture the friendship that exists between both territories and to engage in mutually beneficial economic, commercial, technological and educational activities.

This Program aims to improve training and education for a group of workers from both California and Chile, by exposing them as interns to a different culture and industrial processes. There are many exchange programs for students and executives, but this is the first program targeted at the level of the technician or worker. We believe there is great value to this exchange not only a technical, but also from a cultural point of view.

We would like to invite you to participate in this initial stage of the Program, by receiving a working trainee for approximately two months, starting on September 2009. There would be no cost to your company, because the program will cover travel expenses, daily stipends, lodging and transport. Visa arrangements will be undertaken by the Chilean - North American Chamber of Commerce in Chile (AMCHAM).

The program contemplates reciprocity, so the next step will be to invite a group of US workers and technicians to Chile for a similar experience. Of course preference will be given to the companies participating in the first stage.

If you are interested in participating in this Program please contact us. We expect the contingent to be defined in June.

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