

Internship report by Franziska Kirchmann



Hello, I am Franziska Kirchmann and I completed an internship at the HBPA from April to June 2023. At the beginning of the year I was increasingly faced with the question of what my entry into the world of work might look like. Therefore, I decided to do an internship in public affairs before completing my master's degree.

Even during the application phase, I noticed the HBPA because of its uncomplicated and open communication - an impression that has only been confirmed.

I felt well prepared through the onboarding in advance, and starting in May was made even easier by the friendly HBPA team.

During the 3 months of my internship I had the opportunity to work on larger projects in a team work and take on tasks independently. I immediately became more responsible transferred to larger customers. I was always given the feeling that when I asked questions to be able to give to colleagues. Regular feedback for texts and research and my own ideas motivated me enormously during my time.

In addition to the interesting content topics and tasks, there were also the colleagues Colleagues who made working so special. The team culture of the HBPA is of characterized by mutual appreciation and respect. We enjoy our lunch breaks together spent, and in addition to the professional cooperation there is also a personal level with everyone Team members agreed.

The time also challenged and encouraged me personally; between where I live and that beautiful HBPA office on Französische Straße (near Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin-Mitte) was about 2 hours of ICE travel. I had the opportunity to do the entire internship remotely in my home office to be accomplished. However, it was important to me to also work on site. That's why I'm three times this went to Berlin for a week - an effort that, looking back, was very worth it.

I wish every young person has such a positive and encouraging experience before starting their careers and thank you to Dr. Hans Bellstedt and all colleagues at the HBPA for this wonderful time on French Street!