



LES JEUNES AMBASSADEURS DES VILLES JUMELLES D'ANGERS

Sister Cities Exchange Program 2024



Every year, the International Relations Department of Angers welcomes Young Ambassadors of Angers Sister Cities in Angers and sends in exchange young Angevins to those cities. The first exchange was conducted in 1967 with Osnabrück. Since then, Angers welcomed Ambassadors from Osnabrück (Germany), Wigan (United Kingdom), Haarlem (Netherlands), Pisa (Italy), Valencia (Spain) and Austin (USA).

In a spirit of celebrating its sisterhood with Austin and developing the strong bond that started in 2011, Angers started the Young Ambassador Program (YAP) in 2022 with Austin. The YAP is an exchange program that gives young people from Austin the opportunity to work for one year in Angers' City Hall within the European and International Relations Department. The Young Ambassador is a key element of the International Relations Team and supports the international relation's officer in charge of the Angers-Austin to develop the partnership with Austin.

Missions

The Young Ambassador mission is to contribute to the international outreach of the hosting city as well as their own city by:

- Developing intercultural mediation in primary schools, middle schools and high schools by introducing children to USA culture and challenges;
- Organising activities and events promoting and presenting the USA culture and specificities in associations, and universities;
- Fostering French-American mobility for youth;
- Participating to the city's international events;
- Translating and interpreting from English to French and French to English;
- Communicating on the Austin-Angers partnership;
- Supporting the international relation's officer in its following missions: supporting local actors in finding Austinite partners and develop new projects.

Who can become an ambassador?

The Ambassador must be:

- available for one year from 1st of October to 30th of September of the next year,
- between 18 and 30 years old,
- hold a valid American passport for the duration of the contract,
- have a minimum level of A2 in French language (written, spoken and understood),
- knowing Austin well (culture, tourism, economy, scholar...),
- creative and keen to learn,
- adaptative to the work place, and is autonomous and diplomatic,
- mastering social networks and communication tools.

All profiles are accepted, the Ambassador does not have to be a student.

Working environment and conditions

Contract: one-year fixed term contract (Contrat à Durée Déterminée or CDD) from 1st of October to 30th of September of the next year.

Place of work: at the Town Hall in the city centre of Angers (86 rue du Mail, Angers). He or she will be sharing the office with the other ambassadors coming from Germany and Spain and have their own desk with a computer.

Supervision: The Ambassador will be under the supervision of the international relations officer in charge of the Austin cooperation and work closely with the other members of the department, the Ambassadors, as well as with the Ambassador of Angers in Austin.

Salary: the salary is equivalent to a first-grade public employee (A category) in France. Gross salary in 2023 is 1593,25 euros. Contributions have to be removed from this basic wage (pension plan, social security, health insurance) and other costs which depends on the choice of the ambassador (like the additional health care coverage and the luncheon vouchers – a part of these contributions are paid by the employer). Net salary: 1377,49 euro net.

Working hours: 5 days a week, 7h37min a day (39h55 a week) with mandatory presence between 9am and 11:30am, 2pm and 4:30pm. Mandatory 45min minimum lunch break. Saturday and Sunday and late hours can be occasionally worked during events but will be compensated with non-working days.

Holidays: 44 non-working days in a year.

Other advantages

Accommodation: a shared accommodation with the other ambassadors is available for a mere rent of 65 euros a month with additional charges going up to 5 euros in 2023 (electricity and water...).

Transportation: a free local travel pass and a free cycle loan are provided.

Leisure: free cinema pass and a library card.

! The visa fee will be at the charge of the ambassador. Transportation from Austin to Angers and back is at the charge of the ambassador.

Send a CV and motivation letter in French before the 26th of April 2024 at relations-internationales@ville.angers.fr

If you have any question, contact us at relations-internationales@ville.angers.fr

Interviews will be held in May and answer will be provided by the end of the month.

