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Trang Luong Receives DAAD RISE Internship

TAMPA, Fla (March 19, 2013) – Ms. Trang Luong of the University of South Florida has been awarded a DAAD RISE internship position on a civil engineering project in Weimar, Germany during the summer of 2013. She will be joining a research group of Ph.D. students at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. Luong is one of only 300 students to receive a position this summer out of more than 2,000 applicants. She is the first international student at USF to win a national scholarship.

Luong is an Honors College sophomore majoring in Civil Engineering. She came to USF as an INTO student from Vietnam in 2011 and is now enrolled as degree seeking USF student. She has been involved with research in the physics department with Dr. Manh-Huong Phan, worked as a site leader at Gandhi Day of Service and Bulls Service Breaks, and volunteers as a math and science tutor.

The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits, and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated, and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst), or the German Academic Exchange Service, supports academic exchange including several programs for students to study, travel, research, and intern in Germany. The Research Internships in Science and Engineering program provides placement and stipends for US students in science and engineering majors to work on 8-12 week summer research projects in universities all across Germany.

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