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Government secures Washington placements for Gibraltar graduates

Over the next three years, sixty graduates from Gibraltar will be able to enjoy a placement in public and private sector organisations in the United States of America. This follows an agreement signed between the Chief Minister Fabian Picardo for the Government and Senior Vice President of The Washington Centre, Pilar Mendiola-Fernandez.

This is another concrete measure to have emerged from the Chief Minister's visit to the United States earlier this year.

The successful students will intern at private sector companies and public sector organisations in the US for 15 weeks. They will attend classes and lectures on sustainable development, entrepreneurship, innovation, global trade, e-commerce, commercial trade, water management and green technologies. The full scholarship will cover tuition, housing, visa fees and health insurance for each student.

The initiative combines theoretical and experimental components by integrating leadership and industry-specific knowledge and practice within the experience.

The Washington Centre's faculty includes adjunct professors from local universities including Georgetown and John Hopkins University among others. Participants will attend a series of events with experts and leaders from the private, public and non-profit sectors. This includes Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill and the Roundtable on Philanthropy and Social Responsibility.

The first internship for 15 graduates from Gibraltar will be for the period 28th August – 14th December 2013 and the deadline for applications is 31st May 2013. Anyone who requires further information can contact the Department of Education in Gibraltar as from next Monday 22nd April.