



Internship at the Consulate General of Denmark in New York

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My Place of Internship

Midtown Manhattan
Chrysler East Building, 11th Floor

Consulate General - located in larger cities to promote Danish interests (and help Danish citizens)

The Trade Council:

- Global Public Affairs & UN Procurement
- Tech & Digital Sales
- Culture & Design

Danish companies looking to expand to the U.S. or sell goods and services to the United Nations Global Marketplace

Advisors as consultants (with earnings targets)

Two supervisors

Daily Tasks

Helping supervisors with tasks

Hosting events/panel debates

- Practicalities:
 - Sending out invites
 - Meetings with stakeholders
 - Being IT-responsible

Doing research

Planning delegation visits





The Citizen Sustainability Summit

A three-day 'Folkemøde' hosted on Manhattan

September 19 - September 21

Focus on Sustainability, Livability and Inclusivity

Panel debates, happenings, art installations and more

From Billions to Trillions

How to mobilize trillions of dollars towards the green transition using private/public partnerships?

Speeches + panel debate

PKA, PensionDanmark, HRH The Crown Prince of Denmark, European Vice President Franz Timmermans, Andrew Forest, Prime Ministers...

Economic diplomacy - promoting the green agenda and positioning Denmark and Danish companies

My responsibilities:

- Inviting guests and speakers
- Concept development
- Speech writing for ->
- Ad hoc tasks
- Main responsible for sound-setup





Berit Basse at Aarhus Symposium

Ambassador, Consul General of Denmark in New York

Invited to speak at Aarhus Symposium 2022 (theme: Nordic Competitiveness)

Coordinating practicalities, developing storyline for presentation

'Personal assistant'

Challenges

At work:

Having (a) good supervisor(s) is important

Gap between theory to practice
(choice of master's degree playing a role?)

Working for 'free'

In General:

Expensive...

- 11.000 DKK for a room incl. bills (cheap-ish)
- Eating home vs going out
- Groceries

6 months internship was a long time
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Finding a room + standard of living





Takeaways

Living abroad is awesome

Friends from Denmark and abroad

Knowledge about how the Ministry of Foreign Affairs operates

- The role of economic diplomacy

Insight into how the United Nations works and operates

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1 interview (March 17)

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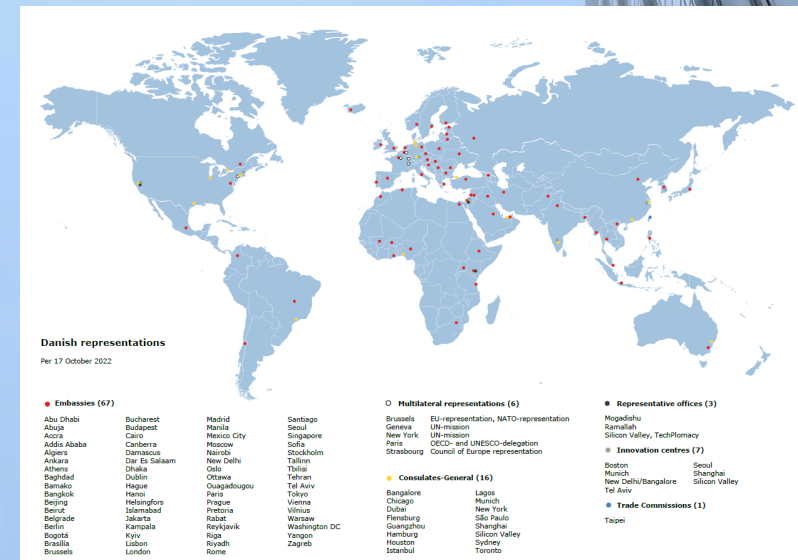
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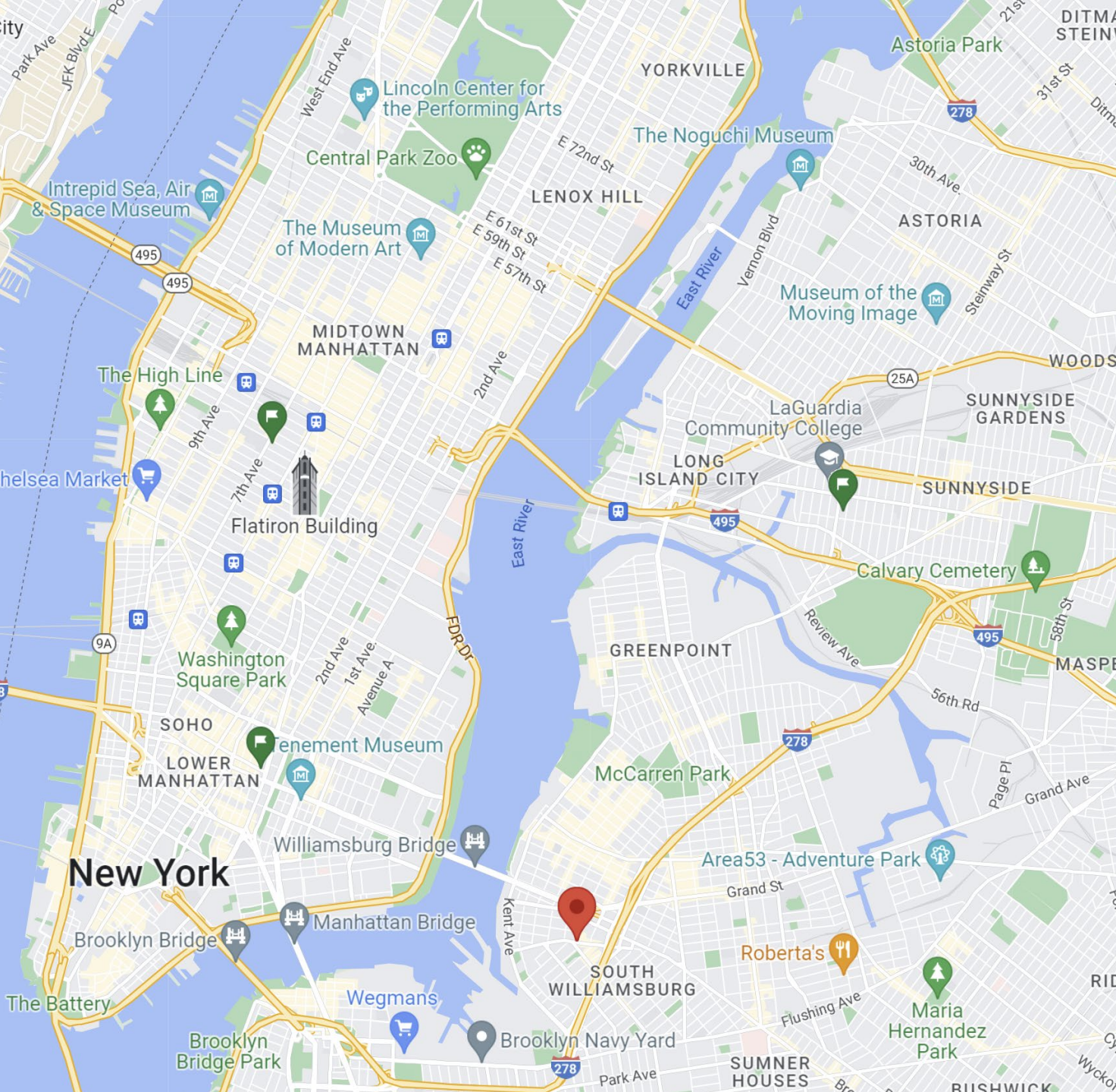
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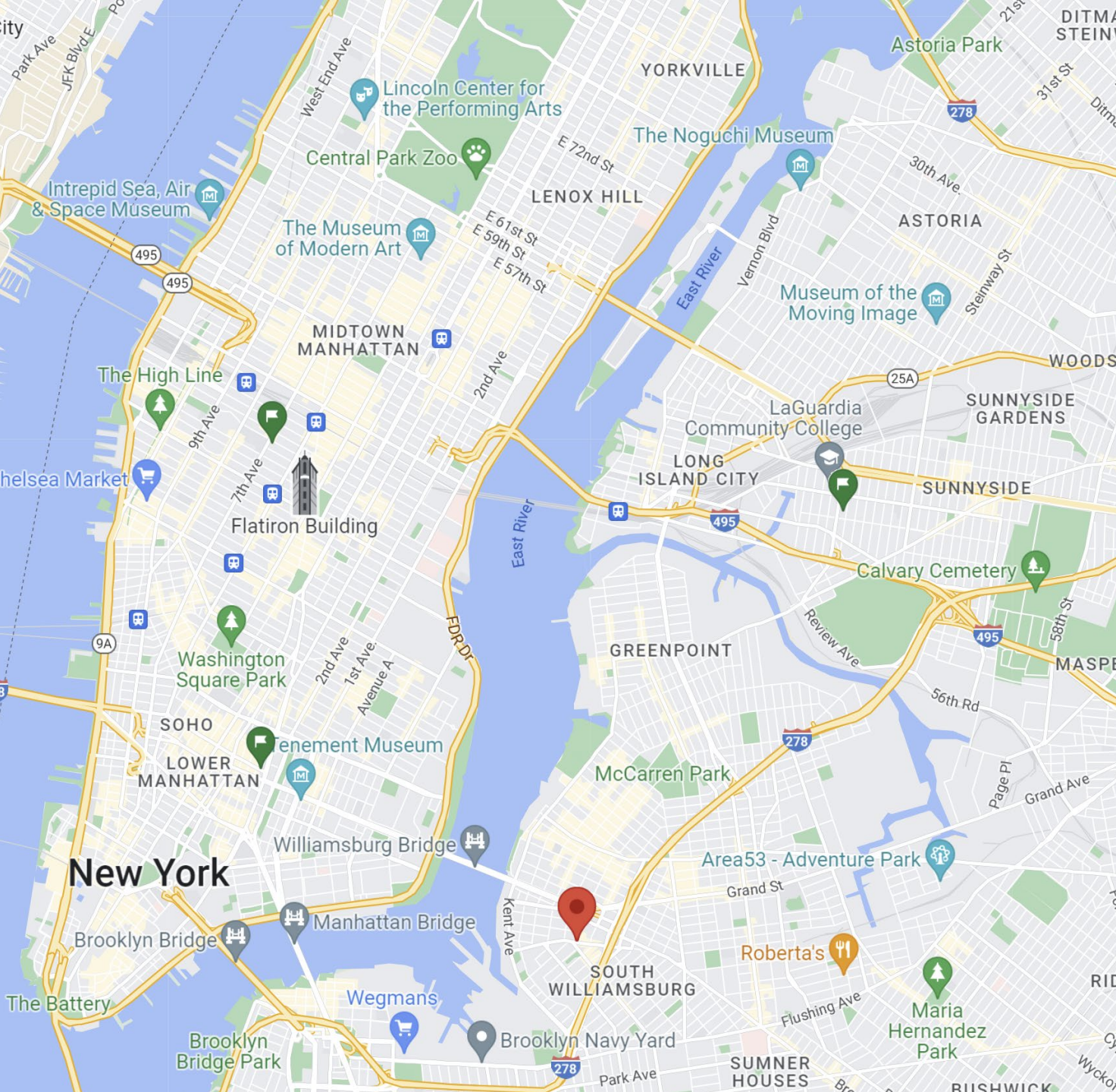


Vacancies



Internships





Social Life

Social aspect was a big part of the internship experience

One roommate, Sofie (CBS-student, Intern at Fritz Hansen)

16 Danish interns at Denmark House

Interns from all over the world at other countries' Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Trips to San Francisco, Yosemite, Washington, Upstate New York



Advice

You don't have to do an internship at the place you have a student job

- 37 hr. internship + 10 ECTS
- 20 hr. student job + 30 ECTS

Also... A great opportunity to try something new and different!

- An internship is a 'free opportunity' to try a different industry, sector, position or country - use it

Going abroad is a great experience

- ERASMUS, or...
- Scholarships (legater) ASAP

Be proactive and willing to learn - it pays off





Thank you for your
attention

Feel free to reach out

01

Decide if an internship is for
you - trade-off in terms of
courses.

02

Be proactive and creative in
your search - don't be afraid to
try something new.

03

Going abroad is a great way
to expand your horizon and
gain unique experiences.



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