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After my first time traveling to the US at the end of 2022 with two friends to New York, San Diego, Miami and a few other smaller stopovers, I was very keen to return to the United States, as I was very impressed by the country.

Fortunately, thanks to the international PKF network and Daniel Scheffbuch's contacts in particular, the window opened for a two-month stay at PKF Mueller in Chicago. As part of the preparations for the digital US-German Summit in the COVID-19 years, I already had initial contact with the CEO of PKF Mueller, Dave Nissen. Due to the already existing contacts and the quick processing between PKF Mueller and PKF Wulf, it was therefore possible for me to spend the period from mid-April to mid-June in Chicago at very short notice.

First and foremost, of course, was the work at PKF Mueller - I felt very welcome here from day one and was well integrated into the team.

Personally, no further professional preparation was necessary for me, as my English language skills were already at a good level and some of the same programs are used as at PKF Wulf (e.g. CaseWare). I think the exchange is particularly useful if you already have a good basis in the respective national language or the language spoken in the office. This also makes it easier for colleagues at the exchange location and they don't have to change their daily routine.



The stay was split roughly in half between the offices in Chicago and Elgin (suburb of Chicago). I personally liked the mix of both because the rental car provided for the time in Elgin meant that the more rural areas of Illinois and Wisconsin were easily accessible, allowing me to use the weekend for various day trips. Nevertheless, I particularly enjoyed the second part in Chicago even more, as my Airbnb there was very centrally located and there were so many different activities right on my doorstep in a vibrant city.

During my stay, I was able to gain valuable insights into the Client Advisory department and the Audit department at PKF Mueller. By spending time with clients on site and participating in company events, I always felt like an equal member of the team. I will always have fond memories of my time and, above all, of my helpful and very friendly colleagues.

All in all, I would recommend the PKF-GO program to anyone in the PKF network who is open to a new challenge in another country, wants to get to know new cultures and at the same time wants to develop their language skills and professional knowledge.

