



Daher's Kodiak aircraft production facility in Sandpoint, Idaho (at left) is one of two locations where students will gain experience in the 2024 Daher/GAMA international internship program. The other location is the company's Tarbes, France headquarters and TBM production site (right), where Daher's Nicolas Chabbert and GAMA's Pete Bunce are shown with the interns from 2023.

Preparing aviation's future: Daher and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association renew their international internship

Tarbes, France; Washington, D.C., February 22, 2024 – For the second consecutive year, Daher's Aircraft Division and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) have partnered on an international internship program that identifies and encourages promising industry leaders of the future.

The trans-Atlantic program will extend the selected interns' hands-on experience in 2024, involving four students – two from North America and two from Europe. It provides unique industry exposure that benefits from extensive interaction with managers, workers, pilots and aircraft owners/operators in the general aviation sector. Details of the 2024 international internship were announced today during GAMA's Winter Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

The selected students will have eight-week assignments in their areas of identified interest at the facilities of Daher's Aircraft Division. The North American interns will be assigned to the division's Tarbes, France headquarters and production facility for TBM aircraft; while the European interns are to be based at the division's Sandpoint, Idaho operation in the U.S., where Kodiak aircraft are produced.

All four students will then support Daher's team during the company's participation at the annual summertime EAA AirVenture gathering in Oshkosh, Wisconsin – gaining exposure to all aspects of aviation while attending the world's largest fly-in and air show event.

Travel, living expenses and lodging costs are covered by the internship.

"More than ever, the general aviation sector must motivate those who will lead the industry of tomorrow – facing challenges that range from reducing its environmental impact and finding new global supply chain solutions to strengthening the talent pipeline for all types of jobs," said Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division.

Pete Bunce, the GAMA President and CEO, added: “These internships provide students with an invaluable educational experience that will further their knowledge of the incredible opportunities in our robust and global industry. After spending time with last year’s interns in Tarbes and Sandpoint, it was inspiring to see these extraordinary experiences spark their enthusiasm towards future opportunities in the industry.”

Internship applicants should be 21 to 24 years of age, with U.S., Canadian or European citizenship, and enrolled as a full-time student pursuing an associate, undergraduate or graduate degree. They will need to demonstrate an interest in an aeronautical career for engineering, flying, maintenance, manufacturing, or marketing – among other areas. Selections will be based on the following submittals from the internship candidates:

- A resume and a mandatory cover letter explaining why the applicant is the optimum candidate for the experience, supported by examples of interests and achievements; and
- A 40-second video introducing the candidate and describing his/her expectations for the internship.

Interested students can apply via the following links: [The GAMA-Daher French internship experience](#) for North American students, or [The GAMA-Daher U.S. internship experience](#) for European students; or via e-mail to: w.ferreira@daher.com.

Deadline for submissions is March 30, 2024. The selections for this year’s internship will be announced by Daher and GAMA at the SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo on April 9 in Lakeland, Florida.

About GAMA – www.gama.aero

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) represents more than 140 of the world’s leading manufacturers of general aviation airplanes, rotorcraft, engines, avionics, components, and related services and technologies. GAMA members are also providers of maintenance and repair services, fixed-based operations, pilot and maintenance training, and aircraft management. GAMA works to foster and advance the general welfare, safety, interests and activities of the global business and general aviation industry, as well as promote the important role the industry plays in economic growth and opportunity, and in serving the critical transportation needs of communities, companies and individuals worldwide.

About Daher – www.daher.com / www.tbm.aero / www.kodiak.aero

As an aircraft manufacturer, industrialist, industrial service provider and logistician, Daher today has approximately 13,000 employees for a turnover of 1.65 billion euros in 2023. With its family ownership, Daher has been focused on innovation since its creation in 1863. With locations in some 15 countries in Europe, North America and Asia, Daher designs and develops value-added solutions for its aeronautical and industrial customers and partners.

Daher’s Aircraft Division manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the very efficient pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France; and the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA.

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