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FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER FROM THE STANFORD GLOBAL STUDIES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Friends,

As we begin the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support and provide you with an update about the Global Studies Internship Program.

For the second year in a row, in response to the global pandemic, the program pivoted to place students in virtual internships. Thanks to the generous support of alumni and donors, we were able to offer 49 students internships in 32 host organizations in 19 countries.

Despite the online nature of the internships, host organizations found creative ways to engage students in cultural programming. As you will see in this newsletter, spending time working with organizations in different countries gave students a chance to acquire confidence and critical skills that will serve them both personally and professionally.

We are extremely grateful to the many organizations and Stanford alumni that have contributed to the growth of the internship program over the years, providing co-curricular experiences that inspire and prepare Stanford students to lead in the world. Next year, we hope to offer a hybrid of virtual and in-person internships in the summer quarter, depending on the evolving nature of the pandemic.

This year also marks the end of my five-year term as the director of Stanford Global Studies. Over the last five years, we have made extraordinary progress in

helping our undergraduate and graduate students develop perspectives and skills that are critical in today's interconnected world.

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I am delighted to announce that Jisha Menon, associate professor of theater and performance studies and, by courtesy, of comparative literature, is the new Fisher Family Director of the Stanford Global Studies Division. Jisha previously served as the director of the Center for South Asia. Under her leadership, I have great confidence that SGS will reach new heights.

I step down knowing that SGS will be in capable hands, and I look forward to seeing the Global Studies Internship Program grow and thrive in the coming years. Thank you, again, for your strong and continued support.

Sincerely,
Jeremy M. Weinstein

Sakurako and William Fisher Family Director of the Stanford Global Studies Division; Professor of Political Science; Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

2021 Internship Facts

The program is open to undergraduate students in all majors, including those who have not declared a major. Graduate students are also eligible to apply to some positions in Asia, which are funded by the Center for East Asian Studies and the Center for South Asia. Internship positions cover a wide range of fields, including business, nonprofit, media, education, medicine, art, technology, science, and government.

The internship program continues to be the Haas Center for Public Service's largest campus partner for overseas service opportunities. This year, 47% of the positions were Cardinal Quarter eligible.

In 2021, the program hosted 49 students in 19 different countries.

20 majors were represented

16	Undeclared
6	International Relations
4	East Asian Studies
2 each	Chinese; Computer Science; Human Biology; Political Science; Psychology; Russian Languages and Literatures
1 each	Anthropology; Biology; Chemical Engineering; Classics; Economics; English; Environmental Systems Engineering; Management Science & Engineering; Mathematics; Sociology; Symbolic Systems





Students zoom around the world as summer interns

During the 2020-21 academic year, 49 Stanford students worked in virtual internships in 19 countries through the university's Global Studies Internship Program

Mornings in Lansing, Michigan, this summer found Zac Stoor zooming to Brussels for afternoon staff meetings at the Institute for European Environmental Policy, where he interned through Stanford's Global Studies Internship Program.

Under the summer program, Stoor worked full-time for the [sustainability think tank](#), whose team of economists, scientists, and attorneys produce and promote evidence-based research and policy insights to benefit Europe and the world.

Stoor, a rising senior, said the institute scheduled meetings in the afternoon – Belgium is six hours ahead of Michigan – so he could participate.

“I’ll usually do my hardest tasks in the morning while my supervisor is still online so I can get questions resolved before the end of her day,” said Stoor, who is majoring in political science and minoring in global studies with a specialization in European studies.

His most recent project was updating the institute’s database of European Parliament members who have been – or may become – advocates for new sustainability policies. He also drafted posts for the institute’s Twitter and LinkedIn accounts and produced newsletters with information about upcoming activities.

“It has been an extraordinary learning experience to talk with experts on everything from sustainable agriculture to biodiversity preservation through the internship,” he said. “Even doing something simple like drafting a tweet will require reading a publication where I will probably learn 20 new things about the European Union’s environmental policy.”

Global citizens with a deep sense of care

Stoor is one of 40 students who spent the summer working virtually under the internship program. During the 2020-21 academic year, 49 students participated in the program, which hosted internships in 19 countries, including Brazil, China, Latvia, Mexico, Russia, and the United States.

[Jisha Menon](#), an associate professor of theater and performance studies and director of the Stanford Global Studies Division,



Zac Stoor



From left to right: Flora Troy, Alex Patel, Karunya Bhramasandra

said the pandemic has heightened awareness of the interconnectedness of human lives across nations and our dependence on global systems to surmount those challenges.

“The program serves as an excellent intellectual foundation for students to serve as global citizens with a deep sense of care for the world and the planet,” she said.

While students weren’t able to travel abroad this year, Menon said the internships offered the opportunity to forge vital working relationships with organizations around the world.

“Virtual internships provide an invaluable window into how organizations think, how cultural differences impact values and how these fresh perspectives can generate insights that can help us rebuild a more equitable world,” she said.

Working around the world from home

As an intern at the nonprofit Lalela in Cape Town, South Africa, rising junior Flora Troy analyzed data to help monitor and evaluate the organization’s art programs for at-risk youth.

She also conducted interviews via WhatsApp with the K-12 grade students participating in the programs to create poignant stories for Lalela’s annual report.

Troy, who is studying human biology with a concentration in child development, said she admired the warmth and resilience of the people she met through the internship.

“In the short time I’ve known them, they have had to move their office, adapt to increased lockdown restrictions and cope with devastating riots following the arrest of a former president,” she said. “I’m impressed by the grace with which they overcome challenges and continue to support their communities.”

Rising sophomore Alex Patel, who lives in Seattle, interned at Rogers Investment Advisors in Tokyo; his workday began in the late afternoon Pacific Time to accommodate the 16-hour time difference with the capital of Japan.

His tasks included evaluating fund portfolios, updating fund databases, and screening new investment opportunities. Twice a week, he helped present updates focused on general and financial news from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Europe, and the United States at the firm’s morning meeting. Three days a week, he attended lectures by the firm’s head of external research.

“I’ve been working directly on projects that the firm is using to do research or potentially make investment decisions,” Patel said. “The firm isn’t afraid to give important tasks to interns, so it feels like we’re part of the full-time team.”

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Karunya Bhramasandra, who wanted to do hands-on work for a community in need, used her social media expertise to help the India Literacy Project promote an initiative to teach young children and new mothers about health and development.

Bhramasandra, an English major who is minoring in global studies with a specialization in South Asian studies, said the internship has been an inspiring and humbling experience.

“Working on the ground – virtually – on literacy in India is a perfect extension of my academic interests,” she said. “As a rising senior, I’ve been thinking more seriously about what kind of industry I see myself joining once I graduate. I was curious to know what working in a public-facing job would feel like and I’ve found I like it. Very, very much.”

Alumni News

It has been a trying time, which has reminded us how important it is to nurture connections and share fond memories. In this issue of the Global Studies Internship Program newsletter, we are excited to introduce an Alumni News section.

Internship Year: 2014

Internship Location: Pune, India

Sam Schreiber

B.S. Engineering Physics, '17; M.S. Civil Engineering, '18

After working in the solar industry for two years, I have moved to Boulder, CO to pursue a Ph.D. in Materials Science.

Internship Year: 2015

Internship Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Rachel Grau

B.S. Computer Science, '16; Master's in Public Health, UC Berkeley, '23

I did my summer internship in Buenos Aires, Argentina during the summer going into my senior year, which was 2015. That summer, I fell in love with Argentina and knew I wanted to live there. I came back to Stanford for my senior year, graduated, and moved back to Argentina, where I ended up living for two years.

Internship Location: Kampala, Uganda

Krista Hardebeck

B.A., Political Science and Psychology, '16

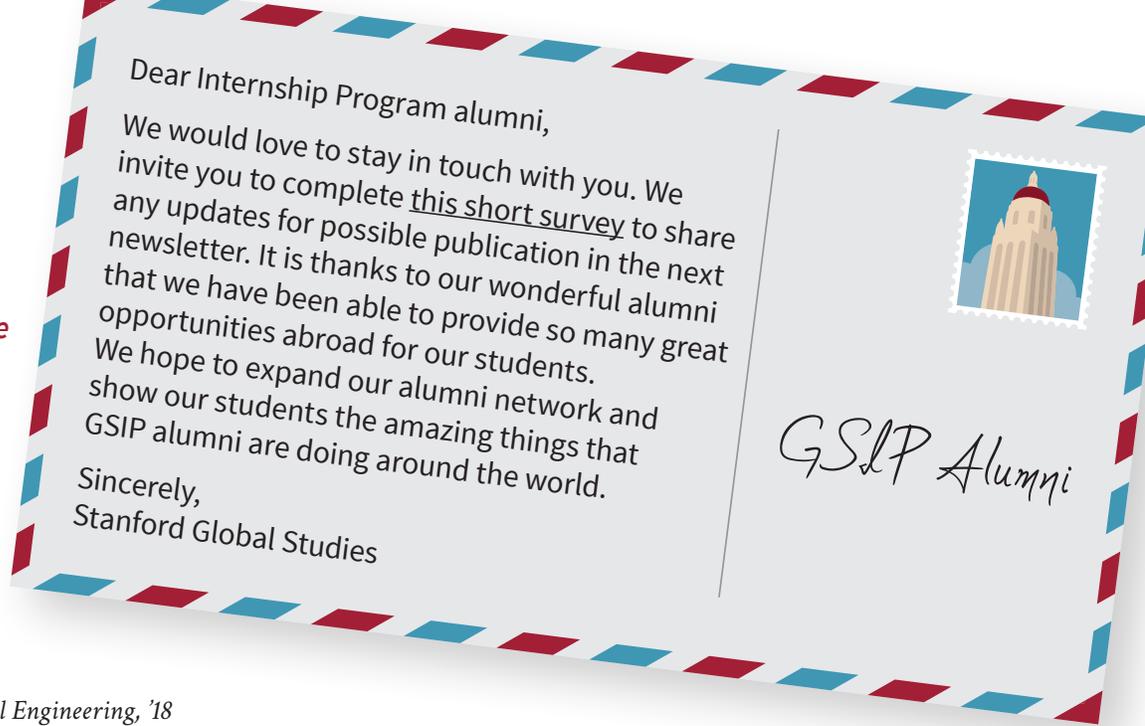
Hello everyone! After graduating, I started working at MuleSoft. I initially moved to San Francisco, but moved to NYC after a year. I have now been in NYC for over four years. During my time at MuleSoft, they IPOed and got acquired by Salesforce, which was an incredibly exciting journey. I worked at MuleSoft for four and a half years before switching to a startup called Instabase earlier this year. During the pandemic, I spent a lot of time at my family's home in Southern California. In addition, I started running ultramarathons. I have run three so far - one 36 miler and two 50 milers.

Internship Location: Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Emily Truong

B.A., East Asian Studies with Honors, '16; M.D., '20

It's been five years since I went on a traditional Chinese medicine internship at a hospital in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, but I still remember back ever so fondly to those times. Those happy memories will stay with me for a lifetime, and the friendships forged remain ever so strong! Since then, I've graduated from Stanford and medical school at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. I'm currently a resident physician in my second year of internal medicine residency at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.



Internship Location: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Lilly Gill

B.A., Feminist, Gender & Sexuality Studies, '17

I received an M.A. in human rights studies from Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 2019. I am currently pursuing a J.D. from Harvard Law School (class of 2022) and I am a summer associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Internship Years: 2015, 2016

Internship Locations: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina & Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Alina Utrata

B.A., History, '17

I am currently in the first year of my Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge in politics and international studies and a 2020 Gates-Cambridge scholar. My research looks at how technology corporations act as competitors to state power.

Internship Year: 2016

Internship Location: Beijing, China

James Garth

B.A., History, '17

I am currently studying for my master's in international studies at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center, a joint degree program between Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and Nanjing University. I spent the prior three years working on various projects in Chengdu, including a stint at the American Chamber of Commerce in Southwest China.

Internship Location: Brussels, Belgium

Christine L Cavallo

B.A., International Relations, '17

I placed second at the U.S. Olympic Trials but am still training for the 2021 World Rowing Championships and will be attending Oxford University in the fall.

Internship Location: Chengdu, China

Allan Ndovu

B.S., Biology, '18

I am currently a third year medical student at UCSF.

Internship Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Rosie La Puma Lebel

B.A., International Relations, '17

After undergrad, I spent a year in Minneapolis working with asylum seekers through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, then two years in Oakland working in fundraising for U.S. and Latin American nonprofits. Along the way, I got married to my best friend (Eric Lebel, Ph.D. '21) in MemChu in October 2019. As of last fall, I'm officially back on the Farm to pursue a JD-MIP joint degree, and am excited to see where life leads us next!

Internship Location: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Anakaren Cervantes

B.A., Public Policy and History, '17; M.A., Latin American Studies, '18

I will be starting graduate studies at the University of Oxford, pursuing an MSc in comparative social policy.

Internship Location: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Stone Kalisa

B.A., Economics, '19

I am currently employed as an economic consultant at Cornerstone Research in San Francisco. In the fall, I will be moving to New York City to begin work as a senior research analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Internship Location: Tokyo, Japan

Sophia Jung

East Asian Studies and Public Policy, '17

I've been working in Amazon's legal department for the past four years (since graduating from Stanford in 2017), and I'm planning to move to Japan in a few months to teach English as part of the JET Program.

Internship Year: 2017

Brussels, Belgium

Ariadne Nichol

B.A. Human Biology and Ethics in Society, '18

After graduating from the Farm in 2018, I spent the summer working at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland on global health ethics

topics such as transparency and informed consent in multi-national clinical research trials. I also helped co-coordinate a seminar on ethics and equitable access to surgical care with the Brocher Foundation. Since 2019, I have worked for the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics on the ethical and social issues raised by application of big data and machine learning in health care and precision medicine, while applying to medical school. I will be attending UC San Diego School of Medicine, starting this fall!

Internship Location: New York

Naz Gocek

B.A., International Relations, '20

I spent a year working as a full-time social impact consultant and part-time research assistant, and I recently moved to Washington, D.C., where I'll be starting an M.A. in European studies at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

Internship Location: Riga, Latvia

Laura Mediorreal

B.S., Science, Technology and Society, '20; M.S., Sustainability, Science and Practice, '21

I work in Microsoft as a PM in Seattle now. I will go to do my MBA later in the next few years at Harvard.

Internship Location: Shanghai, China

Zhengyuan Ma

B.S., Mathematical and Computational Science, '17

I started working at Twitter SF as an ML Engineer.

Internship Location: Taichung, Taiwan

Jessica Luo

B.A., Philosophy and Religious Studies, '21; M.A., Philosophy, '21

I will be starting a Ph.D. in philosophy at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. There's a fair chance I'll be living abroad during some of it—I plan to study modern European philosophy, especially German philosophy, and hope to be living in Germany and perhaps France for some of the Ph.D.!

Internship Location: Tokyo, Japan

Tyler Cho

B.A., Economics, '19

After graduating in 2019, I have been working in Goldman Sachs' investment banking division as an analyst in the firm's activism and defense group.

Internship Year: 2018

Internship Location: Brussels, Belgium

Laura Sussman

B.A., International Relations, '19

I received an M.A. in European politics from Columbia University and am now working at McLarty Associates and living in Brussels.

Internship Location: Guangzhou, China

Olivia Mason

M.A., East Asian Studies, '19

I recently moved to Austin, Texas to work at Gerson Lehrman Group on their China solutions team. I am very excited to be working directly with an office in China and using my Chinese language skills every day.

Internship Location: Washington, D.C.

Nesrine Mbarek

B.A. with Honors, History, '20; Master's in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, '23

I have been awarded the John Gardner Fellowship for Public Service with which I worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (in the Middle East program) for 10 months. I will be starting a master's in public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School this fall.

Internship Year: 2019

Internship Location: Dublin, Ireland

Eve La Puma

Theater and Performance Studies, '20

I graduated with a degree in theater and performance studies and a minor in music in 2020. I spent the last year working at a nonprofit in Washington, D.C. that provides housing and resources to immigrant and refugee families. I was a grant writer, reading buddy, and the co-director of the after-school music program! I'm excited to share that I will be a teaching fellow in the theater department of Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts next fall while simultaneously pursuing a master's in education. I'm beyond thankful to the Internship Program that allowed me to get vital experience in arts education at the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin!



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On behalf of each participant — a heartfelt thank you!

Since the bulk of our funding comes from donors, we continue to seek your help to support student internships. Expendable gifts of any size are welcome and help keep this program moving forward.

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