

# global INTERNSHIPS

Fall 2022 Newsletter from the Stanford Global Studies Internship Program

Dear Friends,

The summer of 2022 was a busy one for the Stanford Global Studies (SGS) Internship Program. After more than two years, we returned to sending students abroad again to participate in immersive and professional learning opportunities in countries around the globe.

Thanks to the generous support of alumni and donors, we were able to offer 57 in-person and 13 virtual internships to 70 students in 51 host organizations in 23 countries. As you will see in this newsletter, these internships are transformative for Stanford students, leading to job offers after graduation, guiding academic and research interests, and helping students acquire the skills and on-the-ground experience that are essential to be effective in today's global job market.

I am also delighted to introduce Grace Munene as the new manager of the Global Studies Internship Program. Grace is excited to build on the extraordinary work of her predecessor, Denise Chu, who retired this summer. Prior to

joining Stanford, Grace served as an assistant director of the International Summer Service Learning Program at the University of Notre Dame. Her experience in higher education has involved various roles mostly supporting international experiential learning programs including research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

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. Thank you for your strong and continued support.

Sincerely,  
Jisha Menon



*Sakurako and William Fisher Family Director of the Stanford Global Studies Division; Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies and, by courtesy, of Comparative Literature*





# Arts & Media Internships

## Darren Hall

*East Asian Studies, '23*

During my internship at You've Got Pictures, I translated documents, created trailers for our animation, created social media content videos, worked at our company's booth at a licensing fair, and provided an American perspective in business meetings. I was not only able to go to Seoul, South Korea because of your donation, but I was able to live and breathe it. I have studied East Asia in high school and college for a total of seven years without ever stepping foot on the continent, but because of the opportunity you provided with Stanford Global Studies, I got to experience the culture I have only read about in textbooks and seen in the media. I was incredibly nervous because I had never left the country before, but the moment my coworkers took me out to dinner the day before work started and we sat in a quiet restaurant eating Kimchi stew, I knew I was in great company (pun intended). While I did touristy things like see ancient palaces, go to Lotte World, and walk along the Han River, my favorite part of my time in Seoul was the everyday/typically mundane activities of riding the subway, getting convenience store snacks, or going out for dinner and drinks with the Korean friends I made while there. It made it feel more genuine and real like I was just a resident and not a visitor. The hardest part of my internship was leaving because I miss my coworkers and friends the most, but we still Kakaotalk all the time and keep in touch! Thank you very much once again for your donation, which allowed all this to happen. When I look back at my memories, I will remember it was all possible because of your generosity.



## Sarah Lewis

*English and Music, '24*



Thank you so much for supporting the Stanford Global Studies Internship Program. This summer, I was fortunate enough to work at The Gaiety School of Acting, the National Theatre School of Ireland, located in Dublin. Working at the Gaiety School has been incredibly formative. I've had a chance to try my hand at so many different elements of theatre, from writing a script for the Gaiety's performance at All Together Now, a huge Irish festival, to location scouting for an EU Erasmus+ educational film project. I've gotten to act, to write, to stage manage, to prop and costume source, and to explore living and working abroad. This internship has pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me to acquire the resilience and courage I needed to take risks, take initiative, and explore elements of life and work that I'd never imagined before. Working at the Gaiety School this summer also finalized my decision to pursue the arts. I realized that writing, theatre, and music are incredibly universal, so that even when I was living in an unfamiliar city across the ocean from the country and community I knew, I immediately found a community of creative people to learn from and grow with. I'd never met people actively working in the arts before and being able to talk with them about their day to day lives and their work helped me discover which skills and experiences I should focus on acquiring before leaving college. I know that working in this field is what I need to do, and I plan on dedicating the rest of my time at Stanford to honing the skills I'll need to pursue the arts. Thank you so much for making it possible for me to have this experience. It has truly changed the course of my life.

# Business & E-commerce Internships

## Fateemah Faiq

*Linguistics, '23*



I spent this summer working at Simone, a handbag company in South Korea. I was asked to brainstorm new ideas for bag designs, help other employees find leather in the leather basement, and take photos of current products. I learned a lot about the handbag and fashion industry in general. I also learned a lot about the culture and customs of Korea and the Korean work environment. It has made the fashion industry feel more accessible to me professionally. Thank you so much for providing me with the opportunity to participate in the Global Studies Internship Program. Even though the experience was challenging at times, I left feeling like it was all worth it. I hope that more students in the future can have a similar experience as me. The picture I've attached is of me and my best friend in front of Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul.

## Anna Milstein

*International Relations, '24*

This summer, I had the invaluable opportunity to intern at the Allbirds office in Tokyo, Japan. Allbirds is a Bay Area-based B Corp that produces apparel with a focus on sustainability. Interning with this company allowed me to deepen my understanding of what it takes to run a business focused on environmental responsibility. I was tasked to research and develop a scheme to resell B grade products (lightly used and returned shoes). There is already a resell program in the U.S. called Allbirds ReRun, so I researched options on how a similar project could be launched in Japan. Furthermore, I investigated opportunities for Allbirds to expand in the Japanese e-commerce market. In addition, I conducted an assessment of the current sustainability page on the Allbirds Japan website and am redesigning it so consumers can more effectively understand the importance of environmental responsibility. Throughout my time with Allbirds, I was able to connect with other professionals passionate about making a difference in the world through work in the private sector. From publishing products' carbon footprints to avoiding fossil fuels, working at Allbirds helped me better grasp how sustainability can be prioritized at every level of a business. This internship experience reinforced my excitement to pursue a career at the intersection of business and social impact/sustainability in the future.



# Human Rights Internships

## Kyra Jasper

*History and Human Rights, '23*

Thank you so much for making it possible for me to have the experience of a lifetime this summer in Indonesia. I had the opportunity to work at the Indonesian Institute for an Independent Judiciary (LeIP) in Jakarta, Indonesia. I was assigned to research the history of the Human Rights Court process in Indonesia, including the relevant institutions that form part of the process and nuances in the laws and regulations that govern the process. I also researched how U.S. courts have ruled on defamation cases as a comparison for Indonesia.



Working with LeIP was transformative in shaping my honors thesis, which I will write this year, by orienting it around research I was able to do this past summer. The experience of living in Southeast Asia also deepened my knowledge of the region and has enriched my passion for advocating for the expansion of resources and opportunities for Stanford students to engage in this important region. Especially after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, having the opportunity to live in Indonesia has reminded me of how important living abroad and learning from other people is in order to build a more peaceful and connected world. Thank you for your support of me and for making this opportunity possible.

## Anna Perronne

*Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, '25*



Over the summer, I spent 10 weeks serving in Guayaquil, Ecuador with an organization called Paz y Esperanza (Peace and Hope). Paz y Esperanza promotes human rights in Ecuador and works specifically in vulnerable neighborhoods of Guayaquil, which are characterized by extreme poverty, basic education, high rates of delinquency and domestic violence, and the powerful presence of drug cartels. I worked closely with the organization's lawyer to plan and lead workshops for the women of these neighborhoods where we taught about their rights and domestic violence, with the goal of empowering the women and emphasizing their value as people. I also collaborated with the lawyer to appeal to government authorities about the justice system's failure to protect women. I helped execute a survey, create promotional material, and shape the long-term planning and goal setting.

I have grown so much from this experience. Not only did I gain more confidence as the 10 weeks passed, but I grew in my ability to have compassion on others, to wonder about people's backgrounds, to fight for something I'm passionate about, and to see the world from another angle. I loved spending the summer speaking in Spanish, building relationships with people cross-culturally, and using my new understandings of other ways of life to question what I have always accepted back at home in the U.S. My proudest moment from the internship was when I led an activity that I had spent hours designing in a workshop for women, and all the women were engaged and excited. At this point, they all knew my name and I knew their names, and I felt a connection between all of us with this hunger to learn and participate. It was life-giving.

Thank you for making this opportunity possible. I couldn't have done this without the availability of this grant. I am inspired to continue seeking social justice with a cross-cultural understanding, learn about people's stories to develop a greater sense of compassion, and embark on future journeys to learn in other countries.

## IGO & NGO Internships

### **Mahmoud Hamdi**

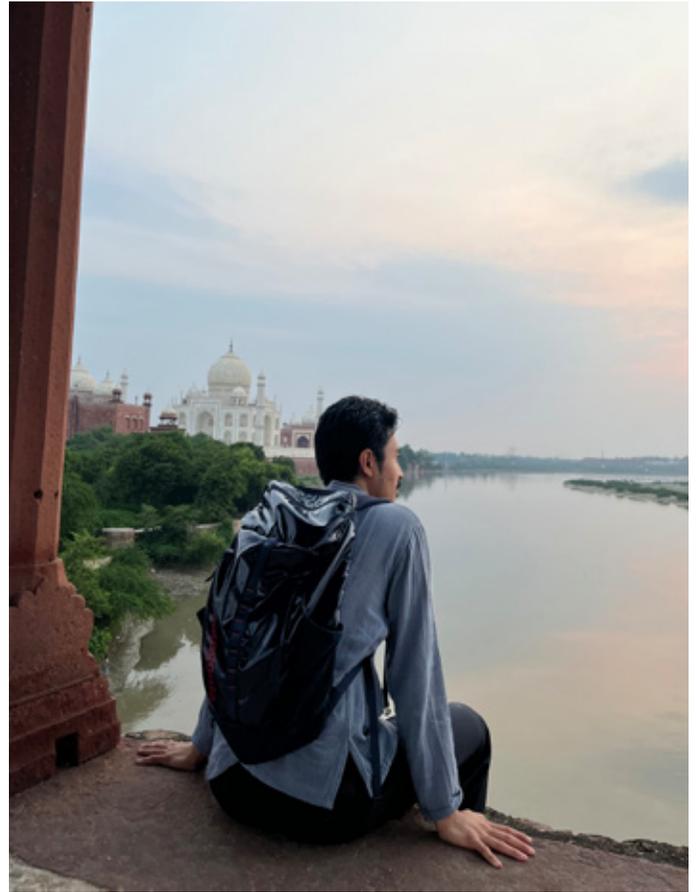
*Psychology, '24*

Thanks to the Global Studies Internship Program, I got the chance to live in Amman, Jordan for two months where I worked with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to provide healthcare services for Palestinian refugees residing in Jordan. I met a ton of great people, learned a lot more Arabic, and learned so much about myself through this process. This being the first time I lived on my own (college doesn't really count in my opinion) I got the chance to learn how to cook for myself as well as get around a city where I am a complete foreigner. Thank you so much for this opportunity; with your kind help I was able to truly grow as a maturing young man.



### **Andrew Vallero**

*Art & Art History and Human Biology, '23*



This was a summer of many firsts. I've never traveled solo before, let alone to a different country. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would be spending two months in Mumbai, India, immersing myself in the work culture, traveling around the country, and developing meaningful relationships. Through this internship at Magic Bus India Foundation I've learned so much about the NGO development sector but also so much about myself— how to take care of myself, trusting and believing in myself to take risks, and opening myself up to new opportunities. The image is a photo of me in front of the Taj Mahal in Agra, one of the many weekend excursions I took during my time in India. It was an unbelievable experience to be traveling to these places solo and meeting friends along the way— memories I will look back on likely for the rest of my life.

# Science & Health Internships

## Rosa Martinez

Biology, '24



I had the opportunity to complete an internship in Gif-sur-Yvette, France at CentraleSupélec University, within their Process Engineering and Materials Laboratory (LGPM). At Stanford, I am a junior majoring in biology with a concentration in neurobiology. While at the LGPM, I had the opportunity to explore the field of microbiology by studying the microalgae, *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*. Using different levels of growth medium, water, and culture, I made samples of the algae and created habitats with differing levels of lightness and darkness. Through the use of photosynthetic growth periods, I was able to see exactly how much they grew (or didn't grow) in varying combinations of conditions.

## Erica Okine

Psychology, '23

I spent the summer studying at the University of Leipzig in Leipzig, Germany. I had a wonderful experience, and I was studying a rare pathology of the head and neck at an orthodontics lab. I was testing the effects of an elevated cell-signaling pathway on the jawbone in mice. I did microscopy, genotyping, and microCT analysis, as well as many measurements. The picture I have included is of me in the Leipzig City Center, at the annual Wine Fest. I had a delightful time, and I am eternally grateful for your support.



# Alumni News

## Internship Year: 2012

*Internship Location: Seoul, South Korea*

### **Christine McFadden**

*International Relations, '12; East Asian Studies, MA, '13*

I was a program manager at Palantir Technologies for six years after graduation (part of my work included helping to grow our business in Asia, and I credit my knowledge of the region to my studies/internship at Stanford). I got married in 2017, moved to Seattle, and just graduated from the University of Washington School of Law with honors. I passed the bar exam this summer and am starting work as a litigation associate at a law firm called Davis Wright Tremaine later this month.

*Internship Location: Seoul, South Korea*

### **Sarah Kunis**

*Political Science, '15*

I am currently working at the U.S. Department of Defense in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). I am a country director for the Korea desk and am responsible for the deterrence portfolio in the U.S.-ROK Alliance.

## Internship Year: 2013

*Internship Location: Shanghai, China*

### **Alina Luk**

*Science, Technology & Society, '16*

I am a product lead at Figma in SF and was selected as a 2016 Schwarzman Scholar in Beijing.

## Internship Year: 2014

*Internship Location: Seoul, South Korea*

### **Yegina Whang**

*International Relations, '17*

I graduated from Berkeley Law and am now clerking in the U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit.

## Internship Year: 2015

*Internship Location: Brussels, Belgium*

### **Hope Sheils**

*International Relations, '16; Public Policy, MA, '17*

I went to West Africa for an internship through Stanford SEED. Then, I moved to Washington, D.C. in 2017 to work on Capitol Hill. I was a policy analyst on the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee until I attended Georgetown Law, where I am now in my third year of law school.



Dear Internship Program alumni,  
We would love to stay in touch with you. We invite you to complete [this short survey](#) to share any updates for possible publication in the next newsletter. It is thanks to our wonderful alumni that we have been able to provide so many great opportunities abroad for our students. We hope to expand our alumni network and show our students the amazing things that GSIP alumni are doing around the world.  
Sincerely,  
Stanford Global Studies

*GSIP Alumni*

## Internship Year: 2016

*Internship Location: Beijing, China*

### **Walter Wang**

*Management Science and Engineering, '17*

I am the COO at TSM FTX, a professional esports organization.

*Internship Location: Shanghai, China*

### **Joanne Shang**

*Economics, '19*

I worked two years in investment banking and am now working in later stage venture capital.

*Internship Location: Kaohsiung, Taiwan*

### **Valerie Chen**

*Bioengineering, '17*

I am currently a resident in Ob/Gyn at Mayo Clinic.

*Internship Location: Brussels, Belgium*

### **Christine Cavallo**

*International Relations, '17*

I've been traveling the U.S. and the world competing for the U.S. Rowing National Team. In 2021, I took a step away from the team to go to Oxford and pursue a masters in sustainability, enterprise, and the environment. I am now working on a joint initiative between Oxford and a Swiss institution that focuses on character and leadership skills when deploying the UN Sustainable Development Goals for climate, healthcare, gender equality, and education.

*Internship Location: Taichung, Taiwan*

### **Vickie Wang**

*Psychology, '19*

After graduating from Stanford, I went on to attend medical school at Yale and discovered my passion for head and neck surgery. I am currently taking a gap year to do clinical research full-time before applying to residency in ear, nose, and throat (ENT) next year. Outside of school, I enjoy exploring the variety of restaurants New Haven has to offer and attempting to master medical Mandarin.

## Internship Year: 2017

*Internship Location: Shanghai, China*

### **Zhengyuan Ma**

*Mathematical and Computational Science, '17*

I attended Yenching Academy in Peking University, then worked in Singapore, and now work at Twitter in San Francisco.

## Internship Year: 2018

*Internship Location: La Paz, Bolivia*

### **Xochitl Longstaff**

*Bioengineering, '20*

I am in medical school at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine in the global health track.

## Internship Year: 2019

*Internship Location: Dublin, Ireland*

### **Eve La Puma**

*Theater & Performance Studies and Music, '20*

Since graduating, I worked at a nonprofit in Washington, DC for a year before taking a teaching fellowship at Deerfield Academy in Western Massachusetts. I teach theater and English to 9-12 graders and am concurrently earning a master's in education from the University of Pennsylvania.

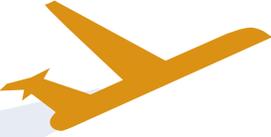
## Internship Year: 2021

*Internship Location: Karachi, Pakistan*

### **Minha Khan**

*Sociology, '21*

I worked at the same organization I interned for during my Global Studies Internship. It inspired me to become an education consultant. I pursued that route while applying to graduate school and am about to start graduate school in social policy to learn how to make structural changes in the education system, a goal instilled in me by my experience through the Global Studies Internship Program.



*A big thank you  
to our donors!*

The invaluable experience gained by our interns relies on the financial support of our donors, host organizations, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

**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.

**For opportunities to support the program, please contact:**

**Scott Sugiura**

Senior Associate Director of Development  
[ssugiura@stanford.edu](mailto:ssugiura@stanford.edu), (650) 723-1208

**For more information about the program or to propose an internship opportunity, please contact:**

**Grace Munene**

Manager, Stanford Global Studies Internship Program  
[gmunene@stanford.edu](mailto:gmunene@stanford.edu)

**[Global-internships.stanford.edu](https://global-internships.stanford.edu)**