

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH Association for India's Development (AID) Magasool project SUMMER 2015

POSITION TITLE: Agriculture Internship

LOCATION: Tamil Nadu, India

DESCRIPTION OF THE HOST ORGANIZATION: Magasool is an organization committed promoting sustainable and viable agriculture opportunities to rural farmers. Magasool registered in 2012 in Tamil Nadu, mainly works on the issue of agriculture and rural development. As part of Magasool's project, we provide services to farmers to improve their yield and provide solutions to sustainable agriculture practice. Magasool works directly with the farmers in several districts of Tamilnadu

INTERN'S DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Magasool works in a large number of districts in Tamil Nadu, the exact duties of interns will vary based on their interests and experience. After discussion with the organization, interns and the organization will select one or more of the following program areas:

- Agriculture
 1. To work on new experiments/ pilot programs that are being developed and evaluated to see if there is a significant difference in yield for farmers
 2. To work on scaling up a successful pilot to hundreds of small and marginal farmers
 3. To work on research studies that would help understand a specific Agriculture policy/ scheme in detail.
 4. To work on studies that would help us drive towards solutions for better implementation of available policy/ schemes.
- Rural Development and Alternate Technology: Tasks may involve surveying and research into development and technology opportunities in individual villages, assisting small enterprises with financial planning, sales and marketing assistance for small enterprises, new product design and testing, and a variety of others.
- Support Services: Tasks may involve the creation of promotional materials for Magasool, photographing Magasool's work, research and documentation of specific Magasool activities and translation of important documents.

Interns' duties and projects may not be as listed. These will depend on the needs of the host organization.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Returning to McGill in the fall following the internship
- Students must fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Handbook for Interns at www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/forms
- U2, U3 or graduate (MA, PhD) McGill Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Education student
- Minimum CGPA of 2.7

HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The intern should have prior knowledge of issues in education worldwide. The intern should be willing to quickly read, talk to people, absorb and expand their knowledge once they come into the organization.
- Basic computer and research skills are essential: Report writing, data analysis, and knowledge of spreadsheets/Excel
- Good interpersonal skills, ability to mingle in a team and communicate effectively
- Prior experience teaching is an asset
- Must bring own laptop

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DATES: The intern can expect to work twelve weeks from May 11th to July 31st, 2015.

HOURS: This is flexible depending on activities, but is normally 35-40 hours per week.

REMUNERATION: Unpaid. Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for Faculty of Arts Internship Awards. See <http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/awards/apply> for more information.

COSTS: The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host community is the responsibility of the intern.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.

HOW TO APPLY: Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form <http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/find/mcgill/online-application-form-arts-internship-office-internships>

and submit the following in person to Leacock room 307:

- Official McGill transcript printed in a sealed envelope (note: This must be ordered on Minerva at least two weeks in advance)
- A photocopy of your McGill ID

The AIO will only consider applications received from students' official McGill e-mail accounts

Please Note:

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. At that time, you may be asked to come in for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s).

If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents or comments will be taken into consideration in the application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 24th, 2014

INTERNSHIP TRAINING MODULE: Successful candidates are required to attend all Faculty of Arts Interns Information Sessions and Workshops listed at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/calendar>. These include the mandatory AIO Interns Meeting held on March 12, 2015 for all AIO interns.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS OUTSIDE OF CANADA:

WORKSHOPS:

Successful candidates are required to attend the following sessions:

- Faculty of Arts Interns Information Session – Mid-March 2015
- Cross-Cultural Workshop – March 2015
- International Internship Experience Panel – April 2015
- University-Wide International Travel Pre-Departure Session – April 2015
- International Internship Debriefing Session – September 2015

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

All applicants should consult the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) Travel Reports for the internship host country prior to applying for this internship.

http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/menu-eng.asp

Traveling, living and working abroad can involve certain risks to your health and safety that differ from your home country. These may include: crime, political/social instability, tropical diseases/infections, extreme weather conditions, poor infrastructure, etc.

The Arts Internship Office cannot guarantee the safety of any intern in their host country. It is up to the student to fully assess and prepare for any health or security risks that may be involved in pursuing this internship. Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential risks with their family prior to applying.

Applicants must ensure that they are physically and mentally capable of successfully completing an internship in the internship host country. The Arts Internship Office may request a doctor's attestation that an applicant is sufficiently healthy to complete an internship.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations.

The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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