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Aravind Eye Care System Affordable Healthcare

CASI-Aravind Internship

The CASI-Aravind partnership offers a competitive volunteer internship to current Penn students who are eager to take a hands-on approach to healthcare development. Aravind's business model aims to provide high quality and affordable healthcare to all socio-economic classes. Aravind provides Penn students an opportunity to work alongside doctors and other healthcare professionals who have dedicated their lives to ending needless blindness. Students interested in medicine, public health, healthcare management, social entrepreneurship, data science, and design are an ideal fit for this internship.

Internship Details

- 8-10 week internship from late May 2023 to early August 2023
- CASI will provide up to four (4) Penn students \$4,500 each to cover travel to and within India, affordable housing, and living expenses
- Funds for the CASI Summer Internship are available through a combination of generous support from CASI donors and Penn Global

Past CASI Projects Have Included:

- Developing online courses and patient education materials.
- Creating information modules focused on eye camps, medical records management, and eye examinations.
- Developing and creating mobile apps to help patients monitor their own medical care.

About CASI

CASI is an academic research center located within Penn's School of Arts & Sciences. Founded in 1992, CASI is recognized as a national resource and the first research institution in the US dedicated to the study of contemporary India. For questions on CASI Student Programs contact casi@sas.upenn.edu

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"Your perception of India, Indian culture, and your identity will change every day... You'll learn from some of the most knowledgeable, passionate, and kind people you've ever met; they'll inspire you with the culture of respect that pervades Aravind and the humility and desire to learn you'll feel in every conversation."

—Anjali Mahajan C'22
(2022 Thouron Prize Awardee)

About Aravind Eye Care System

Aravind Eye Care System is the world's largest eye care provider. In 2022, Aravind handled 4.3 million outpatient visits and performed over 500,000 surgeries and procedures. Aravind is known for performing affordable and high quality eye care, most notably cataract surgeries, and has made eye care accessible to all regardless of income and location. Since 1976, Aravind has been working across Tamil Nadu to develop a system dedicated to providing affordable eye care services across the region. Through specialty clinics, hospitals, educational training workshops, research, and product development, Aravind has evolved into a sophisticated system dedicated to providing compassionate service for sight. The Aravind Eye Care System today encompasses a network of eight eye hospitals, forty vision centers, seven community eye clinics, a post graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, a manufacturing center, eye banks, and a training center. For more information on Aravind: <http://www.aravind.org/>

Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Madurai is the third largest city in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Madurai was the capital of the Pandyan Kingdom and is celebrated as one of South India's most notable temple towns known for the Meenakshi Temple. The brightly painted stone carved temples represent one of the most prominent Hindu pilgrimages.

Accommodation and Food

Penn students may stay at Inspiration Hostel (available at an affordable cost). Inspiration is Aravind's guest house, a short walk from Aravind's main campus. The guest house is home to many international volunteers and individuals training at Aravind. All meals are served in a community setting at the dining hall. Guest rooms are either single or double occupancy with private bathrooms, wireless internet, cable, and AC.



CASI Resources and Application Details

- **CASI Open House:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 3:00-5:00pm at CASI, 133 South 36th Street, Suite 230
- **Applications** close on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 11:59pm EST
- **Apply:** https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UYHtCQHpvNgk6y