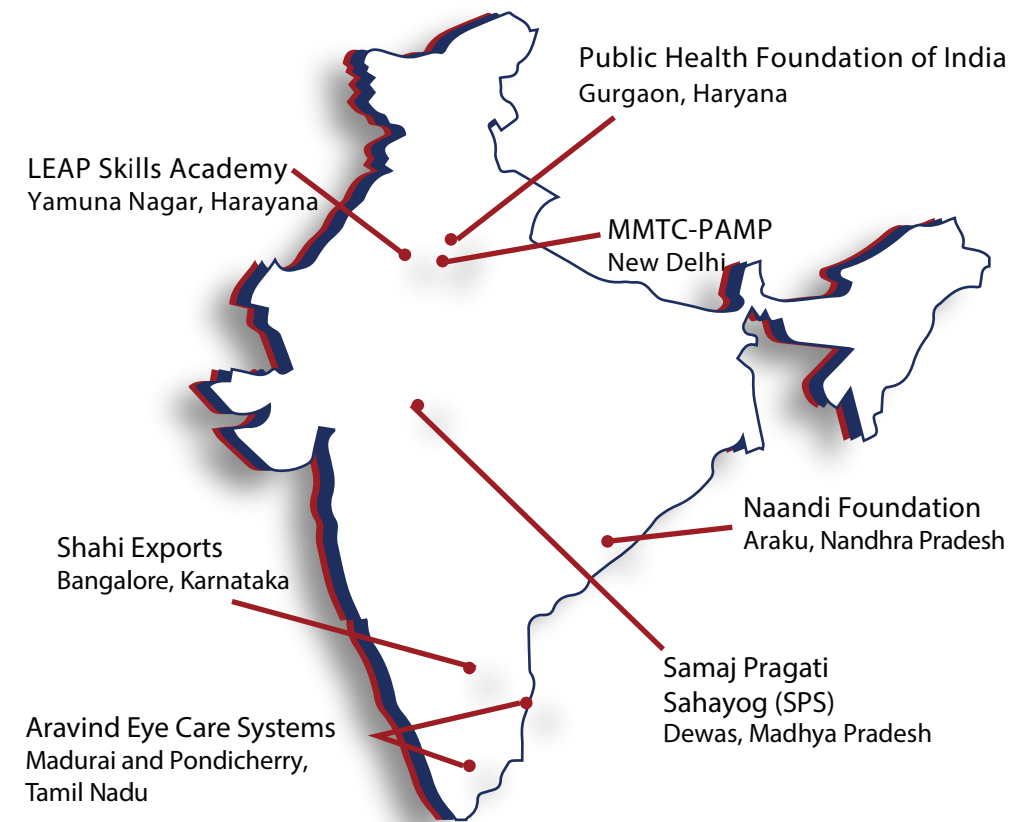


CASI 2016 Partners



Student Programs In India

The Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) introduces Penn students to India to learn beyond the classroom environment, gain valuable international work experience, and facilitate cultural exchange. Since 2007, CASI has provided funding to over 150 Penn students to participate in volunteer internships and conduct independent research during the summer months. CASI also supports one recent graduate through a post-baccalaureate fellowship, the Sobti Family Fellowship.



My internship was a true catalyst to developing an international career path and gave me a glimpse into a different set of challenges to try to understand and work through. It was a wonderful, supportive platform that helped me better contextualize both organizational and international development challenges much better. My summer experience has undoubtedly been one of the main reasons I have returned to India and has been invaluable in understanding and beginning to shape solutions for development clients in Asia. Even more than this, it has fostered close friends and wonderful professional relationships - and continues to do so even five years later."

— Sudhira Reddy, Wharton '14, 2012 CASI Intern, currently resides in Mumbai and works as a consultant with Dalberg Global Development Advisors

Past CASI Internship Projects

- Conduct surveys to improve patient care and hospital operations
- Develop marketing proposals and branding strategies
- Create recommendations to inform government policy
- Write hydrogeology training manual for local communities
- Increase brand visibility, research market trends and improve marketing strategies for rural handicrafts cooperative
- Analyze data on small businesses to understand market trends and build capacity for new financial initiatives
- Develop online education modules to scale skill-based training curriculum targeting youth in smaller towns and cities across India

"What I experienced and learned through my CASI internship will definitely affect my career decisions down the line, and has already been a huge help in immediate job searches, as it's come up in every interview. It truly is one of the most unique and worthwhile experiences I've had during my time at Penn."

— Jacob Van Houten, C'17, 2015 CASI Intern



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Travel Funds for Research

CASI offers Summer Travel Funds to support independent research projects focused on contemporary India or India in a comparative context. CASI provides up to \$3,000 to undergraduate winners and up to \$3,500 to graduate student winners to use towards international roundtrip economy airfare and India in-country travel expenses. We encourage applications from Penn undergraduates, preferably juniors writing a senior thesis related to contemporary India, and graduate students working on independent research in connection with their degree program.

"Receiving summer research travel funds provided the initial spark for my entire dissertation, and CASI continues to provide integral support. Internships in India have provided me with extensive access to the apparel export manufacturing industry. My relationships with highly competent managers have been fulfilling, and I am now strong considering an academic home in a business school as well as a sociology department. The level of investment to make such a transition is extensive, but the exposure has been tremendously valuable."

— Alexander D. Hoppe, Sociology PhD Candidate
2015 Travel Funds Winner
2016-17 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship in India



"The Sobti fellowship has given me the opportunity to do what I've wanted to for a long time: to study the art form that I love, in a place that I love."

— Sindhuri Nandhakumar C'14
2015-16 Sobti Family Fellow

Sobti Family Fellowship Fund

Penn parents Rajiv Sobti GR'84 and Slomi Sobti, created the Sobti Family Fellowship Fund to support a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania to conduct an independent research project in India. The fellowship award of \$12,500 supports one fellow annually to spend nine months in India. Eligible applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree from any of Penn's four undergraduate schools up to two years prior to the current academic year, graduating seniors are also eligible to apply. The Sobti Fellow will work on a feasible independent research project in connection with their academic and professional interests and will affiliate with an India-based host institution.



Summer Internships

CASI partners with grassroots organizations working across India on a range of development issues including health, rural development, environmental sustainability, education, gender, and social enterprise. Penn students apply to specific internships at CASI selected partner organizations and are placed in small groups for ten weeks. Internship stipends cover all costs related to travel and housing. Penn students will work on projects related to the host organizations' needs and their current interests. Funds are made possible through the support of Penn's Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives in conjunction with Penn Abroad and Penn's International Internship Program (IIP) and through the generous support of CASI donors.

"Taking up a CASI internship my last summer before graduating Penn completely changed the course of my ideas and plans for what was possible for my future. Growing up I never really left the U.S. so I saw CASI as my opportunity to try out a new culture in a different part of the world. I expected it would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience (which it was in many ways). Little did I know that my time at Shahi Exports would end up catapulting me into a new interest in South Asian languages and cultural studies. Now I have made a home for myself and have set down roots for friendship and collaboration that will last an entire lifetime."

— Kendra Carson, C'16, 2015 CASI Intern
2016-17 Fulbright-Nehru English Teaching Assistant in Kolkata

