# Your Summer in India!

- Learn how a hospital in India can conduct 300,000 eye surgeries a year, half for free.
- Understand how rural infrastructure initiatives can safeguard the environment.
- Determine how NGOs can scale and deliver better services.
- Investigate how state-wide policies affect rural livelihoods.



"Each day, my Penn companion Shumita and I ask ourselves, "What is my life?!" It has been a combination of being astounded by where we are and also at the sheer differences between life here and life as we know it at Penn or at home."

- Lucia Xiong, College of Arts and Sciences, Class of 2013



### Learn More

Open House at CASI for prospective applicants on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 4 pm - 6 pm

Drop by at a "Chai Chat" and speak with one of our past students

#### Web Links:

casi.ssc.upenn.edu/studentprograms casipenn.posterous.com facebook.com/CASIPenn

The Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) is an academic research center at Penn's School of Arts & Sciences. Founded in 1992, it is recognized as a national resource and the first research institution in the US dedicated to the study of contemporary India.

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# **Student Programs in India**

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CASI Student Programs in India began in 2007 and have provided funding and support for nearly 100 students to conduct independent research and volunteer internships in India during the summer months.

"Despite bringing our own set of judgments, opinions, morality and beliefs with us to India, I have found that we are confronted with situations that are often too complex for a ready response. There's no easy answer or black and white morality to the lives and communities of the people we've encountered. It is humbling in a certain way to move beyond our easy formulas of how governments should work and how people should live that we often find in the classroom and in a Western-centered context."

– Rebecca Havivi, College of Arts and Sciences, Class of 2013

### **Summer Internships**

CASI partners with grassroots NGOs deeply committed to their communities guided by visionary leaders. NGOs work on a range of development issues including health, rural development, environmental sustainability, education, gender, and social enterprise. Since 2008, CASI has partnered with eight NGOs across India. Internship projects are based on the NGOs' needs and interests of selected students. Funds are made possible through the support of Penn's Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and in conjunction with Penn Abroad and Penn's International Internship Program (IIP). Partner NGOs are finalized in January and posted on the CASI website.

### **Travel Funds for Research**

CASI provides up to \$3,000 to undergraduate winners and up to \$3,500 to graduate student winners to use towards international roundtrip economy fare and India in-country travel related expenses. We encourage applications from both Penn undergraduates, preferably juniors writing a thesis related to contemporary India, and graduate students focused on contemporary India or India in a comparative context.

