S M Sehgal Foundation

Empowering Rural India

Center for the Advanced Study of INDIA

CASI-SMSF Internship

The CASI-SMSF internship offers Penn students a chance to work with the S M Sehgal Foundation on research impacting rural India. Interns will explore agriculture's role in India's economy, focusing on women's inclusion, children's education, and information dissemination. This experience aids the foundation in refining its strategies and expanding its impact. Ideal candidates have interests in rural research, water and agriculture development, women's empowerment, and communication

Potential CASI Projects

- Understanding agriculture- nutrition linkages: Case stories from (Taoru) Haryana.
- Project to create marketing materials for partner communications.
- Empowering Farmers through Effective FPO Development.
- Impact Evaluation of Solar Powered Lift Irrigation System in Champawat, Uttarakhand.



Internship Details

- 10 week internship from May 2025 August 2025.
- CASI will provide one (1) Penn student approximately \$5,500 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.

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 Juni Bahuguna: junib@sas.upenn.edu

About S M Sehgal Foundation

S M Sehgal Foundation ("Sehgal Foundation") is a public, charitable trust registered in India since 1999. Our mission is to strengthen community-led development initiatives to achieve positive social, economic and environmental change across rural India. Sehgal Foundation's key programs are carried out with support from donors and partners in the corporate, government and social sectors and based on the most critical needs in villages that is Water Management, Agriculture Development, Local Participation and Sustainability, Transform Lives one school at a time,

and Outreach for Development. The interventions in these areas are supported by research and focus on gender equality and women's empowerment as cross-cutting themes.

About Gurgaon

Gurgaon, now known as Gurugram, is a rapidly growing city located just southwest of New Delhi. It's a major financial and technology hub, home to numerous multinational companies, modern shopping malls, and luxury hotels. The city offers a blend of contemporary urban living and traditional Indian culture, with vibrant markets, diverse cuisine, and a dynamic nightlife. Though it's a bustling city, you'll also find peaceful green spaces and historical sites nearby.

