

CASI Student Programs in India

LEAP Skills Academy



The CASI-LEAP partnership offers a competitive volunteer internship to current Penn students who are eager to take a hands-on approach to international development. An internship with LEAP Skills Academy will provide Penn students an opportunity to effectively contribute to the critical skill development space in India. During the internship, Penn students will interact with motivated students and engage with education partners. The internship will provide a first-hand understanding of the stakeholders that comprise the skill development landscape in non-metro regions in India. LEAP Skills Academy is a young organization looking for Penn students who are interested in the business or education sector and are ready to join a start up team for the summer.

Internship Details

- 10 week internship from May 16, 2016 - July 25, 2016
- CASI will provide up to three (3) Penn students approximately \$3,000 each to cover travel to and within India, affordable housing, and living expenses
- 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)

Potential CASI Projects

- Conduct life skills workshops and lectures with LEAP students
- Conduct research on the effectiveness of LEAP's programs (analyze existing data and conduct qualitative interviews with central and local industry partners)
- Create recommendations and introduce best practices to enhance quality and long term sustainability
- Conduct a skill gap study to identify employers' requirements and available employment opportunities
- Design fellowship program to attract top Indian college students to participate in learning and training at LEAP centers
- Develop a training program to address training challenges in small towns in India

Accommodation and Food

Penn students will stay in a guest hostel and have access to cooking facilities.

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There are currently 550 million people under the age of 25 living in India, many of whom face limited career options and opportunities. LEAP provides both vocation and life skills training to help improve opportunities for India's growing youth population in small towns and villages in India. LEAP works towards enabling motivated students in these towns to achieve their career aspirations. LEAP accomplishes this by delivering high quality education through innovative and interactive methods of delivery.

For more information on LEAP Skills Academy: <http://leapskills.in/>



Yamuna Nagar, Harayana

The state of Haryana borders India's capital city, New Delhi. Yamuna Nagar is a city in northern Haryana and known for large industrial metal and plywood units. Most of LEAP's partner colleges are located in Yamuna Nagar and nearby villages.



"I learned a lot about working with others and giving good feedback. We remolded our lesson plans many times to emphasize the quality of our lessons and through that I learned that having the time to really work towards quality makes a huge difference."

-Kristi Littleton C'15, 2014 CASI-LEAP Intern

CASI Resources and Application Details

- Join 2016 outreach list, send email to: casi-2016-student-programs-outreach+subscribe@googlegroups.com
- CASI Open House will be held on **December 9, 2015** from 2:00-4:30pm at CASI, 3600 Market Street, Suite 560
- Attend a "Chai Chat" and speak with one of our past students bit.ly/chaichats2016
- Applications open **December 1, 2015** and close on **January 25, 2016**
- Apply through IIP: <http://sa.oip.upenn.edu/iip>



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 Aparna Wilder: apwilder@sas.upenn.edu