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Naandi Foundation

Public-Private Partnerships for Development

CASI-Naandi Foundation Internship

The CASI-Naandi Foundation partnership offers a competitive volunteer internship to current Penn students who are eager to take a hands-on approach to development. Naandi was founded to facilitate public-private partnerships so that state governments, the corporate sector, and civil society could work together for large-scale successful delivery of public services including elementary education with a focus on girls, safe drinking water and sanitation, large scale cooperative irrigated farming in dryland areas, end-to-end sustainable agriculture in tribal areas, skilling and employment for youth, safe motherhood and early childhood development including tackling of malnutrition amongst children and other socio-economic issues. Students interested in anthropology, sociology, psychology, communications and engineering should apply.

Internship Details

- 10 week internship from May 2020 - August 2020
- CASI will provide up to two (2) Penn students approximately \$4,000 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 Global Research and Internship Program (GRIP)

Potential CASI Projects

- Collect data and map agriculture projects and initiatives of tribal farmers to create case studies;
- Develop innovative tools and equipment to assist small rural farmers;
- Conduct case studies on the lives, aspirations, and development of girls in a specialized program focused on school retention and skill development.

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 Laura Iwanyk: liwanyk@upenn.edu

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"The internship helped further develop my interest in wild foods and agroecology and introduced me to the idea that promoting use of traditional forest resources by indigenous communities may promote forest conservation rather than depleting the forest. When indigenous communities in India rely on the forest for food, medicines, and other non-timber resources, they are less inclined to clear land for farms."

—Bevan Pearson, C '18

About Naandi

Naandi Foundation

Naandi works in 16 states across India: Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Kerala and Maharashtra touching the lives of more than 5 million underserved people. Naandi was founded in 1998 as a Public Charitable Trust with the aim of creating a professionally run organization managed by leaders from the business sector to deliver large scale public services. By listening intently to communities Naandi has made the communities themselves equal partners to both realize their potential and empower them to access basic services in a sustainable manner. Naandi also has a research division that takes up action research and other field-based trials to assess the viability and impact of new innovations. Naandi's ideology revolves around building sustainable models within the social sector that deliver critical services efficiently and equitably to underserved communities. For more information on the Naandi Foundation visit: www.naandi.org/

Araku, Andhra Pradesh

Araku valley is a hill station nestled in the Eastern ghats in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh and home to several different tribes. Naandi impacts over 100,000 tribal people living in the valley through its interventions in biodynamic agriculture, nutrition and education. The Araku model integrates the needs of a family – men, women, children and youth. Initial efforts focused on the education of young girls, followed by a safe motherhood program which contributed to a steep reduction in the maternal mortality rates in the region. The fair trade coffee program encourages farmers to use bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides and the coffee now can be exported to international market as an Araku brand: <https://www.arakucoffee.com/>.

Accommodation and Food

Lodging will be provided at either a guest house or independent apartment near the local Naandi office. Food will be accessible either through a tiffin service or locally available.



CASI Resources and Application Details

- CASI Open House: December 9, 2019, time TBD, at CASI, 133 South 36th Street, Suite 230
- Attend a "Chai Chat" on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00pm to speak with one of our past students
- Applications close on January 20, 2020