

Expectations from an Ideal Intern

Rakshak Foundation's Summer Internship is a unique research program aimed at providing firsthand exposure to exceptional and motivated students in areas of policy, governance and society. We have very high expectations from our interns and they must be extremely passionate and committed to deliver the best not only during the internship but also after finishing the internship they should remain engaged in social causes. Their conduct and work must meet international standards. As part of the program, interns may be required to represent Rakshak Foundation during their interaction with senior professors from top universities, civil services officers (IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS etc), bureaucrats and/or government officials. It is important that interns exhibit highest level of professionalism in all aspects of their conduct during such interactions. Typically interns in the Program set ambitious goals for themselves on a weekly and monthly basis and overcome a number of unanticipated challenges to keep pace. This makes the program very demanding and rigorous. Our expectations from an ideal intern are outlined here:

- Accepts the position if and only if he/she is determined to complete the project
- Exceptional, Genuine, Innovative and Involved
- Good academic record with a fusion of extra-curricular and social activities
- Excellent Communication skills (Verbal, written and presentation skills)
- Highly energetic, self-aware, out of the box thinker, self starter, go getter and team player
- Has high moral and ethical values, is punctual, keeps commitments and meets deadlines
- Excels in an orderly work environment while adhering to rules and procedures
- Ability to work on a social issue leading to long term improvements and a positive impact
- Ready to work on an open ended problem not related to one's undergraduate discipline
- Propose feasible and innovative solutions as opposed to overzealous theoretical reports
- Passionate to take on the project beyond the report into real world implementation
- Research work must be of same standard as published at international forums and journals
- Humble polite and prompt with the mentors, management team and peers
- Must not be engaged in any other activity (coaching etc.) during the Rakshak internship period
- Expected to be available 7 days a week for the internship work (field trips, sessions, lectures etc.)
- Observes all the rules and regulations of the internship as mentioned by the management