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Internship Program Overview

The Summer Internship Program offered by the Rakshak Foundation provides a firsthand exposure and experience about governance, policies and society to selected interns. Passionate, intelligent and hardworking students are chosen to work in this high paced program under the guidance of mentors comprising of faculty members from premier institutions in India and senior civil services officials in this eight-week long program. Individual projects are assigned to interns that relate to common social or policy issues which directly or indirectly affect the quality of life of a common citizen. The program is very rigorous in nature and the interns are expected to quickly come on board and digest large amounts of reading and research material, actively contribute to discussions with peers on the daily basis, and articulate informed positions on a variety of issues through weekly updates and presentations. Program includes regular project related field visits, weekly presentations, daily literature research in a classroom setting, documentation of meeting minutes with mentors and those of field visits, documentary screening and guest lectures by dignitaries. These activities ensure that the student have a multi-dimensional view of the problem before suggesting practical and implementable solution to the problem at hand. Collocation, daily interactions and weekly updates and presentations to all the interns ensures that the interns have exposure and opportunity to discuss all other social issues being researched upon. This allows a healthy pollination of ideas and solutions while strengthening social bonding. Program Structure includes:

- **Daily Research work** – Perform literature search in a classroom setting (4-6 hrs/day)
- **Weekly Presentations** – Formal presentation about weekly progress to all the interns
- **Midterm Report** – Formal midterm report and presentation 4 weeks into the program
- **Final Report and Presentation** – Formal Final report and presentation to all interns and mentors
- **Guest Lectures** – Invited lectures by social personalities and bureaucrats
- **Documentary Screenings** – Well known documentary on current social issues to widen exposure

This unique program grooms the students to become lot more informed, inquisitive, assertive and aware citizen enabling them to play a major role in nation building by participating in the governance with much more confidence. Participants in the program embark on a comprehensive journey that prepares them to successfully navigate the diverse challenges facing the society in today's dynamic world. Through the program interns immerse themselves in a well structured curriculum that examines their commitment, dedication, time management, intelligence and other ethical demands of a top leader. While pursuing the projects with peer internees from across the nation, participants are inspired by the diverse cultures and new friendships that define the unique Rakshak experience.