

Field: Public Policy Research
Name: Centre for Civil Society
Location: Delhi, India
Name of Position: Summer Research Intern (5)

Brief Description of Organization:

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is an independent, non-profit research and educational think tank based in Delhi that is committed to increasing opportunity, prosperity, and quality of life for Indians by reinvigorating civil society and readjusting political society. Its mission is to promote social change through public policy by being a resource for innovative community and market-based ideas for critical policy issues, particularly in the areas of education, livelihoods, and governance. The organization's focus on public policy and longer-term solutions makes its research outputs crucial feeders into policymaking and opinion formulation. CCS tries to change people's ideas, opinions, and mindsets through research, seminars, and publications. The issues that CCS is moving to the front burner of public discussion include: licensing of street entrepreneurs, educational choice, good governance through duty to publish and ward level management, community stewardship, and a property rights approach to the environment. CCS conducts educational programs for various target audiences including youth and policymakers to provide a systematic understanding of liberal ideas. CCS also conducts research and advocates non-state policy solutions in the areas of livelihood, governance, education, environment, globalization, and rule of law.

Information Specific to the Internship:

Qualifications:

This internship opportunity is open to both undergraduate and graduate students from any discipline. Those possessing a strong background or interest in economics, political science, or philosophy are encouraged to apply.

Primary Responsibilities:

Research work in the fields of education, livelihoods, and governance, including themes such as:

- How does one become a street vendor or start a school or community radio?
- How much does the state government spend on primary education?
- How do slum dwellers get electricity and water?
- What is the impact of special economic zones and rent control laws?
- Can public services be provided privately?
- How can we make the Right to Information Act more effective?

Schedule:

The summer internship is offered from May to July of each year.

Stipend/Assistance:

CCS is able to provide assistance in securing housing.

Additional Information:

CCS has a well-established summer internship program, details of which are available online at http://www.ccs.in/researching_internship_program.asp. Final selection is done through a highly competitive process to ensure that only those students who demonstrate a passion for social issues are awarded positions.

To Apply:

Please send your resume/CV, cover letter, and a copy of your academic transcript to Amit Gordon (amit.gordon@ccs.in). Logistical inquiries (for example, regarding living or travel arrangements) may also be directed to Amit Gordon.

Website:

<http://www.ccs.in>