

**Field:** Education, Sports,  
**Name:** Crossover Basketball and Scholars Academy  
**Location:** Chennai, India  
**Position:** Joint Teach for India and Crossover Academy Intern

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**Internship Position:** This will be a joint internship opportunity between Teach For India and Crossover Academy. It will allow the opportunity to be in the classroom with students before and after Crossover Academy - allowing an important chance to gauge the impact of a sports intervention in their academic careers. Crossover Basketball and Scholars Academy ([www.crossover-india.org](http://www.crossover-india.org)) - is the first international non-profit program in India to leverage athletic values and skill as a means to develop academic opportunities for Indian students. The mission of Crossover is to use basketball as a vehicle of change in communities in India by imparting the values of leadership, character, teamwork, and communication with the goal of inspiring and preparing those students to continue in their educational pursuits through the university level and be future leaders of change. Performing its impact in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India - we worked with over 400 students during the summer of 2014. This past July - Jonah Travis of Harvard, along with Varun Ram of University of Maryland, Lauren Ball of Emory, and Maggie Brown of Trinity College, participated in the 3rd Hoops Creating Hope program by Crossover Basketball and Scholars Academy. This follows Crossover's tradition of involving current college student-athletes which has included Eric Obeysekere of Holy Cross the first year, Jonah Travis of Harvard and Maggie Brown of Emory last summer. This program is an amazing opportunity for student athletes to volunteer beyond themselves as they are asked to participate in leadership training, planning, writing responses, and critical thinking in problem solving ways to impact the world for students who live at under \$2 per day.

Crossover Basketball is dedicated to the idea that India is unlike any other country where basketball has been expanded, due in large part to the cultural importance placed on academics and the potential for athletic success. The key to integrating sport within the community will be its emphasis on the provision for educational prospects. Crossover participants will not only be educated in a non-biased way as to opportunities that currently exist and how to achieve those goals, but will also be supported in their endeavors inside and outside of India once they graduate the program. We are not just preparing athletes and helping to increase education rates, we are helping prepare future leaders for Indian communities.

Interns will work as a teacher aides in a Teach For India classroom for two weeks followed by 3 weeks with Crossover Academy as a volunteer faculty coach. After this time frame the participant will return to their original Teach For India classroom to observe and track impact and growth in the leadership, character, teamwork, and communication of the students.

**Qualifications:**

A student interested in impact and leadership. Playing basketball is NOT a requirement. Ability to work in a team setting. Ability to work under pressure. Open to both undergraduates and graduate students.

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**To apply:**

Send Resume/CV, Cover Letter, and one recommendation letter to [shaun@crossover-india.org](mailto:shaun@crossover-india.org). In person interviews will be conducted with qualified applicants.

**Budgeting for this internship:**

Daily Transportation, \$5/day  
Food, \$15/day

**Assistance**

Assistance in arranging housing and transportation, meals, and cultural excursions.