

Field: Peace/Interfaith Education
Name: Society for Awareness, Harmony and Equal Rights (SAHER)
Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Name of Position: Associate Program Designer (2)

Brief Description of Organization:

SAHER's mission is to enable young people to think critically and reflect on their actions, with the aim of aiding youth in gaining respect for diversity and positively impacting both themselves and society. SAHER began its efforts in Jogeshwari slum, Mumbai after the communal violence of 1992-3. Following this point, Hindus increasingly migrated to Hindu-dominated areas, while Muslims relocated to Muslim-dominated areas. SAHER began intervening with youth from both communities in order to mitigate the tension and ill will felt on both sides.

At present, SAHER works with youths from schools, colleges, and larger communities to develop their sensitivities and aid them in understanding their role within the larger ideal of a peaceful and just society. In addition, SAHER works with adults in local communities to address governance issues, with the underlying objective of peace building through interfaith cooperation. In the next three years, SAHER aims to expand its programs across the entirety of Mumbai.

Information Specific to the Internship:

Associate Program Designer

Qualifications:

Though SAHER gives preference to graduate students, undergraduates are encouraged to apply as well. Strong communications and computer skills, including proficiency in Adobe and Corel, are required. The intern should be prepared to work in an informal environment and in slum communities facing a history of communal tensions. In addition, (s)he should demonstrate cultural sensitivity and flexibility in terms of working hours.

Primary Responsibilities:

Professional duties of the Associate Program Designer will include: developing communications materials and curricula, supporting the development of projects to address underemployment and livelihood issues, and supporting efforts to increase SAHER's visibility in the Indian social sector.

Schedule:

Summer internship opportunity of up to 8 weeks in duration.

Stipend/Assistance:

SAHER will offer Rs. 2,000 per month to help offset living costs in Mumbai. In addition, SAHER is able to provide assistance in the housing search process, transportation support, and opportunities to participate in cultural excursions. Please contact SAHER directly for more detailed information regarding compensation and assistance.

To Apply:

Please send your resume/CV, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. Rama Shyam (rama.akhtar@gmail.com). Logistical inquiries (for example, regarding living or travel arrangements) may also be directed to Dr. Rama Shyam.

Website:

<http://www.saherindia.org>