



Columbia Global Internship Program

Columbia Global is a partnership between Columbia World Projects, Columbia Global Centers, the Institute for Ideas & Imagination, and the Committee on Global Thought. The Columbia Global Internship Program (CGIP) is a multidisciplinary training initiative that offers Columbia University students opportunities to participate in social impact work with offices located in New York City and around the world. Interns will work alongside Columbia Global staff, faculty, and other academics to engage in the design, implementation and/or evaluation of strategy, programs or operations. These paid opportunities are open to students enrolled in any school within Columbia University and can be structured in alignment with various school or program practicum requirements. Interns will be paid \$22.50 per hour.

Please complete an application by **April 20, 2025, 11:59 PM ET** in order to be considered for the program. Application link: <https://cwp.submittable.com/submit>.

Opportunities (8):

- **CENTER FOR POLITICAL ECONOMY**

Undergraduates Preferred

Columbia's Center for Political Economy (CPE) is a cross-disciplinary site that deepens thinking about political economy and promotes developments within economics by connecting it to, among other fields, history, law, anthropology, political science, sociology, public health, and engineering. Since its launch in the fall of 2022, the Center has advanced innovative ideas and policy solutions with faculty research grants, postdoctoral posts, and diverse convenings. The student intern will assist with the development of CPE's new website and other external outputs in addition to providing occasional project support. Other activities include:

- Support research activities by searching the internet for news items related to the Center's Co-Directors, idea lab leads, grantees, postdoctoral research scholars and staff on their research and its relationship to political economy.
- Take notes during meetings/events, and develop notes into event/meeting write-ups for the CPE website.
- Assist with creating initial draft communications materials for staff review (Mailchimp campaigns, social media content, website updates).
- Search intranet (Columbia University) and internet to identify work undertaken by relevant Columbia institutes and centers, as well as external university initiatives. Assist with developing the Center's collaborators and partners page of the site.

- Participate in outreach activities as assigned, including messaging and meeting with student groups, journals, project leaders who may have interest in Center work.
- Assist with the logistics at CPE-sponsored events and activities.
- Assist with research related to the Center's Idea Labs, as applicable.

The overall goal of the project will be to enhance the new website and other external outputs so as to attract increased visibility to the work of the Center, and to develop Social Media and other techniques to drive traffic to the website.

Qualifications: Undergraduate students with interests in political economy (although graduate applicants will be considered). Students with communications experience preferred.

Time commitment: Approximately 10-15 hours per week.

● **COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTER BEIJING**

Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The undergraduate or graduate intern will be involved in the Scholar in Residence (SIR) Program to support specific activity implementation of the SIR initiatives this summer. The SIR Program, led by Columbia Global, offers full-time faculty and researchers across Columbia University the opportunity to advance their teaching, research, and professional work while immersing themselves in the academic and cultural environment of a Columbia Global Center. In the summer of 2025, [Columbia Global Center Beijing](#) (CGCBJ) expects to host three scholars. One professor, specializing in Oriental Art History, will arrive in May to lead a workshop and develop a student travel seminar for the summer of 2026. Two professors from the Mailman School will visit in July and August, focusing on translational AI for health, climate health, and infectious diseases. Each scholar will spend approximately two weeks at the Center. During their residency, planned activities include a student collaboration program, a student travel trip, and two public events. The CGCBJ staff will support scholars with onsite events, seminars, and other scholarly exchange activities. Upon their return, CGCBJ will create communication materials reflecting their residency experience, and scholars will be encouraged to share their insights with colleagues at Columbia University. Additionally, for student global experience programs designed during their residency, the CGCBJ team will continue to develop and refine these initiatives to ensure their successful implementation in the future.

To ensure the effectiveness and continuous improvement of these programs, we are seeking a student intern to support the development and implementation of the Translational AI program and the Student Travel Trip. The intern will work closely with

the Beijing Center team, assisting with program development and execution, coordination with partners, event planning and implementation, drafting communication materials, and contributing recommendations for program enhancement.

Qualifications:

- Experience in organizing academic events, workshops, or public programs, with strong attention to detail in logistics and execution.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, coordinate with diverse stakeholders, and contribute to the smooth implementation of programs.
- Passion for global education, faculty-student engagement, and program & event development.
- Proficiency in English and Mandarin is required.
- Excellent written communication skills are essential. The intern should be able to synthesize complex information, present findings in a clear and concise manner
- Both undergraduate and graduate students are acceptable for this internship.

Time Commitment: Approximately 15 hours per week; must be available for in-office (in New York) at least one day per week between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

● **COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTER MUMBAI**

Open to Graduate Students

The goal of this opportunity with [Columbia Global Center Mumbai](#) is to provide the graduate student intern exposure to secondary and primary research, data analysis and content development through the following three projects:

Joint Cancer Research and Education Program with the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at Columbia University (HICCC)

- Support analysis on attitudes toward cancer screenings and assess India's medical care landscape for cancer screening and detection via internet search.
- Assist Center staff in conducting literature reviews to identify behavioral barriers and other factors contributing to low cancer screening rates in India.
- Assist Center staff in analyzing comparative study data of screening protocols and practices in India and other developing countries.
- Support the development and design of a behavior change intervention to encourage people to do cancer screenings, including the creation of a digital awareness campaign in collaboration with Indian public health practitioners and local health academic institutions.
- Assist in developing the ongoing cancer awareness webinar series conducted by the Mumbai Center as part of this project.

Hip Hop Nutrition Project with the Center on Community Health at Columbia University

- Assist Center staff in conducting a literature review to understand adolescents' nutritional habits in India and examine behavioral patterns affecting dietary intake.
- Participate in the analysis of data collected from the baseline survey under this project.
- Participate in meetings to design interventions, including multimedia content creation and curriculum development focused on nutrition for beneficiaries.

Micro-Innovations in Education

- Assist with developing a list of global educators, innovators, policymakers, and funders.
- Support Center staff in data collection and landscape analysis to identify micro-innovations emerging in Indian schools. This will involve secondary and primary research actively identifying relevant stakeholders and reaching out to them via email to facilitate their participation in the study.
- Support the analysis of various Indian government educational policies and interventions aimed at promoting quality education for all.

By the end of the internship, the intern will have completed the following expected deliverables:

- Actively participated in writing comprehensive reviews of existing literature relevant to the projects mentioned.
- Supported the development of comparative studies on topics mentioned in the projects above.
- Assisted with data analysis, content creation and monitoring and evaluation of these projects.
- Supported the preparation of monitoring and evaluation reports on interventions - their effectiveness, program impact and actionable insights and policy recommendations.
- Communicated key findings to the Center's communications and programming staff.

Qualifications: Graduate student.

Time commitment: 15 hours per week; any in-office work will take place in New York City.

- **COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTER NAIROBI**

Open to Graduate Students

The student intern will support The East Africa Blue Economy Project (EABEP). Climate change negatively impacts the East African Blue Economy, fisheries, and other ecosystems, affecting human and animal health. Climate variability and unpredictability has led to increased changes in lake and marine conditions, which has a direct impact on humans and fisheries. Multidisciplinary research is needed to develop robust and actionable evidence to understand the impact of the climate crisis on the blue economy. The returns on investing in research, containment, and mitigation of the climate crisis in the East African blue economy will benefit over half a billion people living in the region. The student intern will support fundraising efforts by helping to identify stakeholders that can partner with the [Nairobi Center](#) to seek funding.

Qualifications: Graduate student with the following skills and abilities:

- Fundraising experience or exposure to fundraising for projects
- Good writing and research skills
- Knowledge of project management skills
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Flexibility

Time Commitment: 14 hours per week; any in-office work will take place in New York City.

- **COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTER RIO DE JANEIRO**

Open to Graduate and Advanced Undergraduate Students

The student intern will support the project “Supporting the City of Rio de Janeiro to Leverage Artificial Intelligence to Improve Community Preparedness, Response, and Recovery to Extreme Climate Events” led by the [Columbia Global Center in Rio de Janeiro](#) (CGC-Rio) in a partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rio de Janeiro City Hall. The project aims to enhance flood preparedness and response in the low-income neighborhoods Acari and Jardim Maravilha through AI and community engagement. Public health impacts are among the most serious and long-lasting consequences of flooding disasters. The research to be done by the intern will complement our work on the ground in Rio de Janeiro by providing a global perspective and helping us to draw broader lessons. The primarily virtual intern will focus on researching the intersection between climate change, urban flooding, and public health consequences in vulnerable communities in the Global South. Their work will contribute to the development of knowledge products that support both academic and community engagement efforts. This project is likely to attract broad attention in Brazil and internationally.

Some of the deliverables include:

- Weekly participation in meetings with the Global Center staff.
- A research paper on flood-related health risks in vulnerable cities and/or informal urban settlements.
- Assistance in the development of educational materials tailored for community awareness campaigns, integrating scientific findings into accessible formats.
- Contribution to working papers or briefing notes to inform local policymakers, the local media, and community organizations.

Qualifications:

- A graduate student is preferred, but advanced undergraduates will be considered.
- Background in International Affairs, Political Science, Social Sciences, Urban Studies, Public Health or related fields.
- Experience in disaster management and impacts on the most vulnerable citizens.
- Strong writing skills.
- Strong research and analytical skills, including database management.
- Knowledge or interest in Brazilian socio-environmental policy sphere.
- Knowledge of Portuguese or prior experience in Brazil would be beneficial.

Time commitment: Approximately 10-15 hours per week; any in-office work will take place in New York City.

● **COLUMBIA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The Columbia Global Communications team is seeking a dedicated student intern to develop and execute long-term social media and video storytelling campaigns that highlight the global opportunities that Columbia Global offers students. The intern will work closely with the Columbia Global Communications team to craft compelling narratives that authentically showcase the life experiences and academic journeys of these students. The project will include producing a series of videos and content of various lengths tailored for different social media platforms. These stories aim to engage viewers emotionally and intellectually, fostering a deeper understanding and investment in the success of the students.

Deliverables:

- Series of Videos: Documenting the personal stories and academic journeys of selected students engaged in global opportunities.

- Short Social Media Clips: Tailored content for platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, highlighting key moments from the longer videos.
- Interview Transcripts: Written records of interviews conducted with students, providing a detailed account of their experiences.
- Creative B-Roll Footage: Visual content that complements the interviews, capturing scenes that illustrate the students' journeys.
- Social Media Campaign Plan: Working alongside the Columbia Global Digital Communication Officer, the intern will help develop a strategic plan outlining the timing, platforms, and messaging for video releases.
- Engagement Analytics Report: A report analyzing the reach and engagement of the social media content, with recommendations for future improvements.
- Final Presentation: A comprehensive presentation summarizing the project outcomes, key learnings, and potential future directions for the campaign.

This internship provides a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in digital communication and video storytelling while making a meaningful impact on the awareness and understanding of forced migration issues. Responsibilities include:

- Interviewing scholarship recipients to craft compelling stories.
- Capturing and editing video content for various platforms.
- Developing a social media campaign strategy in collaboration with the Communications team.
- Creating written and visual materials that align with Columbia Global's brand and messaging.
- Analyzing engagement metrics and producing reports on content effectiveness.

Presenting project findings and recommendations for future content strategy.

Qualifications:

- Strong digital communication skills, including proficiency in social media platforms and content creation.
- Experience in video production, including filming and editing on any platform.
- Strong storytelling skills, with an emphasis on creating compelling narratives.
- Ability to research and analyze forced migration issues and translate them into accessible, engaging content.
- Excellent collaboration and communication skills.
- Creativity and innovation in content development.
- Cultural sensitivity and an understanding of diverse perspectives.

Time Commitment: Approximately 10-15 hours per week.

- **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND INNOVATION**

Open to Graduate and Advanced Undergraduate Students

Columbia World Project's Experiential Learning and Innovation (EL&I) team's student intern will support the ongoing development and implementation of activities related to the EL&I portfolio, especially the summer session of the [Social Impact Fellowship](#) (SIF) and the [Early Career Faculty Impact Fellowship](#). Key deliverables include on-site coordination of and participation in the SIF summer session; weekly communications for the SIF students; and identifying opportunities on campus for the EL&I team to meet in person with students to share information about SIF. The intern will also be responsible for updating and revising recruitment documents, which entails identifying key University contacts to share information with about these fellowships.

Qualifications: Graduate or advanced undergraduate students.

Time commitment: Approximately 15 hours per week.

- **GLOBAL PROGRAMMING**

Graduate Students Preferred

This internship offers a deep dive into the exciting world of mission-driven international work through engagement with the [Columbia Global Centers](#). The intern will develop knowledge and skills relating to developing, supporting, and executing programs at a global level. Working with the Director of Global Programming at Columbia Global, they will provide support to idea generation for a large-scale initiative that will connect all 11 of the Columbia Global Centers into a shared set of objectives. Support includes background research for the initiative, identifying relevant Columbia faculty, doing competitor analysis, and meeting support and preparation. The intern will also develop an understanding of the architecture for global programs and organizations, by helping to develop systems to manage information flows across the 11 Global Centers. Through this work, as well as participating in key meetings, the intern will develop useful insight into the opportunities and challenges of working in a mission-driven global organization.

Key responsibilities:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the President's Global Innovation Fund to identify important achievements, synergies across Global Centers, and potential new areas of work.
- Participate in background research to help scope 2-3 potential global program ideas on climate adaptation, forced migration, and other issues.
- Participate in research to identify faculty, schools, and centers at CU most relevant to the potential ideas.
- Participate in research to examine competitor approaches.
- Help to organize and sit in on key meetings.

- Contribute to other ongoing projects that link multiple Global Centers together, especially scaling or replicating programs from one Center to another.
- Examine current/past approaches to coordination and information sharing across the Columbia Global Centers.
- Work with key staff to develop additional or new approaches to coordination and information sharing.

Qualifications: The preferred candidate will be a graduate student who has a career interest in global issues. The preferred candidate would also exhibit:

- Excellent research skills and a passion for details.
- Curiosity beyond a single issue area and ability to master multiple issues at once.
- Superb data organization skills, including in Excel/Sheets, with relevant labeling systems.
- Knowledge of international institutions, such as the UN, the IFIs, regional organizations, etc., is a plus.

Time Commitment: 12-15 hours per week.