

Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI) 2018 Summer Internship Program

The Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI) is pleased to offer funding for a 6 - 8 week student internship program in India for first-year graduate students during the summer of 2018. This is a competitive, merit-based internship that requires candidates to engage full-time with development-related research projects in India. Interns will contribute to the ongoing research projects developed by TCI in conjunction with several of our partner collaborators. This internship program will be of interest to students in departments like government, economics, agriculture, international relations, development studies, health, nutrition, human ecology, anthropology, sociology, gender studies or related fields.

The Objective

- To provide students with a fieldwork based learning experience on topics relating to agriculture, food and nutrition
- Enhance the participants understanding of food policy and challenges within food systems in the context of India
- Exposure to data collection, management and analytical skills
- Identify topics and collect data towards a potential Master's thesis or independent study

Timeline

Application Deadline and selection: Students must submit a completed application, resume, and the signed release form **by Friday, February 9, 2018** to Sandy Stickler at sas643@cornell.edu or in 375 Warren Hall. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at the end of February and awards will be announced in early March.

Pre-departure workshop and preparation: Selected students will be required to attend a mandatory pre-departure workshop conducted by TCI, to be held in late Spring of 2018. Students will be required to work closely with TCI staff and the partner collaborator in order to coordinate all internship program details and logistical arrangements for their stay.

Internship: 6-8 week internship with TCI or partner organization

Seminar: Students are required to participate in a reflective seminar to process lessons learned and further develop research conducted in the field. As deliverables, students will complete both a written report and an oral report at a TCI-arranged seminar by the end of the fall semester.

Program and Placement

Selected interns will contribute to the ongoing research projects developed by TCI in support of our Gates-funded project “Technical Assistance and Research for Indian Nutrition and Agriculture (TARINA).” Interns may also be placed with one of our partner collaborators.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the selected student is assigned to his/her preferred area of interests and skillset; however, the TCI or partner collaborator may need to assign the student to a project that best meets the partner collaborator’s needs.

Students will work under an assigned mentor at the TCI-TARINA office/partner organization and will be evaluated by these mentors at the conclusion of the internship period. In addition, students will need to submit a bi-weekly blog during their internship period.

Internship Awards will cover airfare, visa fees, in-country travel and allowance for housing and living expenses. TCI staff will guide students through the visa application process, but students are responsible for obtaining their travel documents (passport, visa and vaccination card) in a timely manner.



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Student Information

Name:	CU ID Number:
Telephone:	E-mail (Net ID):
College:	Expected Degree:
Major:	Minor:
Year of Graduation:	Current GPA:

Are you currently in good academic standing?

- Yes
- No

If you checked "No," please explain.

Ithaca Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Passport #: _____ **Country** _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Extracurricular Activities

Please list all of your on-campus affiliations (i.e. sports, student clubs, and employment) and off-campus affiliations (i.e. volunteer positions, and employment).

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Resume

Please submit your current resume with your application.

Short Answers

Answer the questions below (maximum 2 pages, single-spaced, for all questions).

1. Why are you applying to the TCI Summer Internship Program?
2. Why are you a good candidate? What skills, qualities, or experiences would you bring to the internship opportunity? (e.g., quantitative, linguistic, communications, research, etc.)
3. Based on the research areas and projects conducted by TCI (see annual report), which existing area of research or research projects interest you most?
4. What are your career goals and how do you envision this research experience contributing to your future career path?

Applications are due by Friday, February 9th, 2018 by 11:59 pm. Please submit to Sandy Stickler at sas643@cornell.edu or in 375 Warren Hall. Good Luck!

Tata-Cornell Institute (TCI) 2018 Summer Internship Program Student Agreement with Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

The following agreement is designed to inform and protect all participants in the Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI) Summer Internship Program, herein called "TCI Summer Internship Program": the student, Cornell University, the agencies and individuals cooperating with these Programs.

I state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this document. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not mere recital, and that I have signed this document as my own free act and that the absence of this document and its enforceability would affect my participation in the work study program. In consideration of financial support provided by TCI, Cornell University, for my participation in the summer internship position, I hereby agree to the following:

Student Name: _____ CU ID#: _____

1. I acknowledge that my participation in this program is entirely voluntary and such participation will require transportation and habitation and that my participation may subject me to risks relating to my personal health and safety. I further acknowledge that I am traveling at my own risk and will take all precautions that I deem necessary for my personal safety and well-being including but not limited to medical precautions needed prior to the start of service (i.e., vaccinations, dental, allergy medications, etc.).
2. I hereby agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Cornell University, its trustees, officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all damages or claims of any nature whatsoever arising out of my participation in the TCI funded summer internship program. On behalf of myself, my estate, assigns, and heirs, I do hereby indemnify and hold Cornell University, its trustees, officers, directors, agents and employees harmless from any damage or liability incurred by Cornell or others as a result of my participation in this program for any costs or expenses including but not limited to hospital and medical expenses, legal and defense costs as well as settlements, judgments, fines and penalties of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred as a result of my participation in this program.
3. As a participant in this TCI Summer Internship Program, I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that reflects favorably on Cornell University, the sponsoring agency, and the United States. I agree to show a professional manner at all times reflecting respect and responsibility in my internship position.
4. I acknowledge that the terms and conditions of this internship agreement and this release indemnification and hold harmless agreement are contractual in nature and not mere recital.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____