

Dear Dr. Robbins,

On behalf of the Washington Chapter of the Society for International Development (SID-Washington), I would like to communicate with you concerning George Mason University students who may be looking for an internship this fall. I was informed that you are the proper contact for employment and internship opportunities concerning international issues. We are currently seeking interns for the fall who would be able to start in September, but we would also be interested in posting our internship openings at the beginning of each semester.

The Society for International Development (SID), a not-for-profit founded in Washington, D.C. in 1957, is a global forum of individuals and institutions concerned with sustainable economic, social, and political development. Now in its 50th Anniversary year, SID has members in 125 countries and over 65 local chapters worldwide with the largest chapter in Washington, D.C. It works with more than 100 associations, networks, and institutions involving academics, parliamentarians, students, political leaders, and development experts, both at the local- and international- levels. This makes SID one of the very few organizations that has a holistic, multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral approach to development and social change.

Taking full advantage of its location in the financial and policy capital of the international development community, SID-Washington is the most active chapter worldwide and is often referred to as the flagship of the organization. SID-Washington is committed to three principal objectives:

- 1) Stimulate dialogue and cooperation on global development issues
- 2) Enhance skills, knowledge and understanding among development practitioners
- 3) Provide a network for individuals and organizations working in various sectors of international development

A leading knowledge broker, SID-Washington achieves its mission as a forum for the development community through a newsletter, workgroups, and special programs and events. The SID-Washington Chapter has nearly 1,000 individual members including foreign service officers, U.S. government officials, economists, development practitioners from multilateral organizations and non-governmental organizations, technical specialists, members of the diplomatic community, and academics.

We are seeking interns with the following qualifications:

- Currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student or recent graduate;
- Academic and/or work experience in international development;
- Excellent written and oral communications skills;
- Very strong organizational skills;
- Possess initiative and the ability to work independently and as part of a small team.
- Computer Skills (Word, Excel, Internet Research, etc.)
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- 30 hour minimum commitment per week, full days preferred;
- Minimum 3-month commitment.

Our tentative application deadline is September 14, 2007 for the fall internship. If you are in contact with any students who would be interested in an internship concerning international development, please encourage them to submit a letter of interest indicating days and times they are available to work; resume; 3 references (names/tel. # s); and an optional 3-5 page writing sample.

I look forward to working with you and George Mason University to connect students with internships in their fields of study. Please feel free to contact me through e-mail at sid@aed.org or by phone at 202-884-8590 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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