



Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)

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Internship Opportunities @ SIAS

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Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) is a new yet rapidly expanding research institute based in Kathmandu, Nepal. It aims to produce critical and pragmatic knowledge for social justice across South Asia and beyond, in areas such as public policy, development policy and practice, climate change politics, natural resource management, and local governance. More information and updates about SIAS and its activities are found in www.sias-southasia.org.

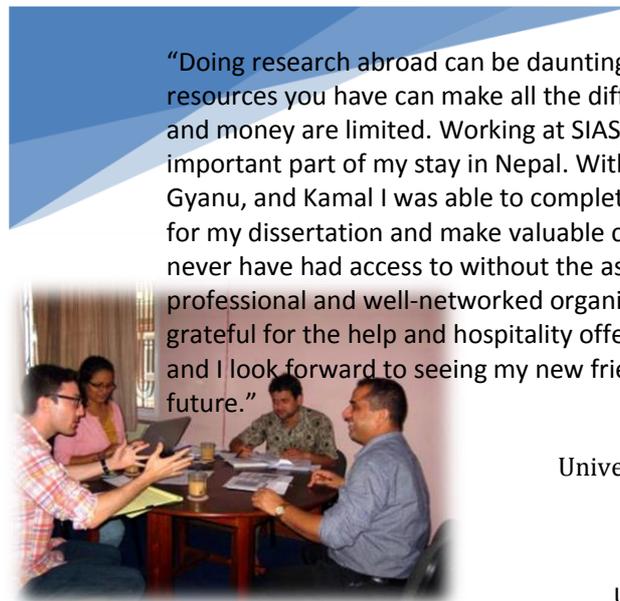
One of the strategies SIAS has adopted is to bridge the knowledge divide between academic community and the everyday social practice. To this end, SIAS has sought to nurture University-research institute links. More specifically, SIAS has developed a

Student Internship Program and hosted interns for Masters and PhD students from around the world, including from the Universities in India, Australia, the United States and Europe for the past four years. In the coming days we will expand this initiative to include more interns from South Asia as well as overseas.

SIAS has exciting opportunities and research facilities for students to learn about Nepal, South Asia, and also has extensive links in the region to help you find a local institution to volunteer and gain practical experience.

This is an open call about the availability of internships for students who are pursuing their PhD and Masters degrees in areas such as development, environment, area studies, or social sciences and technical studies on Nepal and South Asia in general.

Duration. Each intern is expected to work at SIAS for an average of two months.



“Doing research abroad can be daunting. The network and resources you have can make all the difference when your time and money are limited. Working at SIAS proved to be the most important part of my stay in Nepal. With the help of Hari, Gyanu, and Kamal I was able to complete my research project for my dissertation and make valuable connections that I would never have had access to without the assistance of such a professional and well-networked organization. I’m forever grateful for the help and hospitality offered by the SIAS team and I look forward to seeing my new friends again in the near future.”

Josh Gellers

University of California, Irvine

Presently

Assistant Professor

University of North Florida

Support for Interns

Interns admitted to SIAS receive the following facilities and services:

- A work desk with internet facility
- Support for organizing interviews, meetings, and logistics for field travel (costs should be borne directly by the students)
- Assistance with local contacts and accommodation/home-stay (depending on prior communication, and on a case-by-case basis)
- Access to SIAS library and loan of books for limited period

Options. Internships can be arranged in individual or group basis. For groups, introductory sessions, lectures and additional support can be provided through prior arrangement with the concerned University.

Local supervision: Through arrangement with concerned University, SIAS can arrange competent local Supervisor(s).

Presentation of study. The interns are expected to make a presentation at SIAS, or if relevant and appropriate, at other forums arranged by SIAS.

Fee

For a two-month internship on an individual basis, SIAS charges a nominal fee of USD 300. This is the basic fee. The rate will be different for group internship and particular cases that involve mentoring, introductory sessions, lectures and additional support. This is customised fee.

If you are interested to undertake internship or want to know more about what we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or telephone.

Contact

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"Being part of SIAS, even for just a short period of time, helped me a lot when I came to Kathmandu to start my Master's thesis. The team of researchers, their connections and networks provided both inspiration and valuable knowledge. Apart from that, the friendliness and hospitality they all showed made me feel most grateful and lucky to be part of such an amazing team. I truly hope to see them all again."