Institute for African Development

“Global Learning is concerned with exploring the interconnections between people and places around the world. It asks us to observe the similarities and differences that exist around our world today and relate these to our own lives. “It is learning that acknowledges and accepts similarities and differences of other people’s cultures and perspectives.

Description: The Institute for African Development (IAD) Summer Africa Internship program provides students with academically related and practical fieldwork experience. Students with an interest in African development who would like to engage in personalized learning not available in the traditional classroom setting are welcome to apply. IAD views the 8-week internship program as an integral part of a student’s education, offering experiential learning that provide students with opportunities to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in a real world context.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Internships are open to juniors and incoming seniors only;
- Applicants must have completed at least two years of college coursework with a 3.0 GPA or higher and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at Cornell;
- Applicants are required to attend at least three IAD Seminars offered within the CRP 4700 Issues in African Development;
- Accepted interns must commit to the full 8-weeks unless in case of emergency. If the internship is cut short for any reason except an emergency, the rest of the funds need to be refunded; and,
- A letter from the applicant’s academic advisor and the applicant’s cv must be received before the application can be reviewed.

Application must be received by March 15th, 2019, at 190 Uris Hall or by email at jsb25@cornell.edu (scanned applications/pdfs are acceptable). Successful candidates will be placed with IAD partners. Students do not get to choose the country of their placement.

What are your Strengths?

- Editing/writing
- Design (Web, invitations, etc.)
- Event Planning
- Research
- Social Media
- Community Service

Interns may be called upon by host units to assist with various other tasks. Please identify areas that you can/or would like to contribute to project management.

Applications will be reviewed by the IAD Committee to ensure compliance with University policies and individual program requirements. Applicants may not be on academic probation or under censure for student misconduct at the time of the review. IAD reserves the right to void admission of any student discovered not to meet these requirements.
Part I: Institute for African Development Internship Application Coversheet

Last Name: ____________________________  First Name: ____________________________  M.I.: _______

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Gender:

☐ Male  ☐ Female

Expected Graduation Year: 20___

College:

☐ Agriculture and Life Sciences  ☐ Architecture, Art and Planning
☐ Arts and Science  ☐ Hotel
☐ Human Ecology  ☐ Industrial Labor Relations

Major: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Minor/Concentration(s): _______________________________________________________________________

Name of Academic Advisor: ________________________________________________________________
Part II: (Answer the questions below in 250 words or less). Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

Do you have any experience with African development or working in a developing country? Explain.

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What are your career objectives and how would the internship fit into those objectives?

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IAD internship placements at times require adaptability and a flexibility to go outside your comfort zone. It could be as broad as sharing a room with several others to having no wi-fi or electricity for a time. Is this something you can adapt to? Why or why not?

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What are your expectations of this internship?

Explain in your own words what an internship means to you as opposed to a trip abroad. (separate sheet)

Part III:

Attach your Advisor’s Letter of Support and CV/resume to your email when you submit your application.

Part IV:

☐ I affirm that the foregoing statements and attached materials are true and accurate representations of the best of my understanding. I have read and understand IAD’s eligibility and requirements for this internship. Once selected, I will adhere to all requirements including signing up for the Cornell Travel Registry and all other lists as necessary.

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(SIGNATURE)                                                                         (DATE)