

Interning at TIDE



Let's learn by teaching!

TIDE Internship Program

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference? Would you like to experience India's unique culture living with a host family? Together in Development and Education is an NGO that deals with education reforms in India. What do we mean by education reforms?

Education is by far the greatest tool for an individual. It empowers you, allows you to become who you want to be. There are many in India who do not get an opportunity to study, who are looking to attain the right to education. Whether it's in the rustic part of our country, or in the urban slums of the city, all places require help. This help can come in terms of directly teaching children, to design a better curriculum, to provide them with necessary teaching learning materials. Inculcating virtues of critical thinking and impacting people's lives via education- That's education reform.

Though, it's not only limited to that. Soft skills and thinking skills, alike, are neglected by much of our education system, we aim to spread its importance and impart these key skills to students. We also run Teacher training programs to help improve the basic teaching pedagogy used in academics. Additionally we also work with college education system to promote a culture of inquiry and research.

Together In Development & Education, founded in November 2014, aims to bring a sustainable change in the Indian educational system. We want to help create sustainable systems that improve both the access to education and the quality of education. Over the past years, we have made an immense impact in the lives of 12,000+ individuals and have set up sustainable systems that, in the coming decade, will impact the lives of at least 3000 individuals /yr.

TIDE Foundation has various programs that deal with each of the issues stated above, with over 90 members involved in creating this "CHANGE" and they will be involved in planning and managing the internship program. This summer we would like you to be part of our programs. TIDE Foundation is starting a summer internship program. This program is for current undergraduate students, post-graduate students, pass-outs and working professionals to be able to help society.

The TIDE Team

We are currently a team of 100 members that are based in US, UK and India. Our team includes principals, professors, teachers, entrepreneurs, designers, architects, engineers, business consultants and college going students (UG, Masters, PhD students).

We are guided by an advisory panel that includes experienced personnel that continue the desire to grow, to learn and be an agent to change the world. Our panel includes Prof. Rangarajan (Dean of the Undergraduate College and Dean of Students at Ahmedabad University), Dr. Shailendra Gupta (Director at North Gujarat Education Society), Dr. Purna Mohite (Prof. Emeritus at MS university, Vadodara), Mr. Hiren Parikh (academic director of Sanskardham) and Mr. Keshav Chatterjee (Managing Trustee and Director of Prabhat Education Foundation).

Job description and internship program dates

TIDE runs several internships through the year (some summer specific and some year long); please find out more about each of them by emailing us at info@tideinternational.org or on our website at <http://www.tideinternational.org/get-involved/internship/>. Whichever program you're a part of, you will directly be in contact with the people your helping out; whether it's a life skill training for underprivileged children, thinking skill workshops for more privileged students or teacher training and education enhancement at schools - you will be on the ground, face-to-face.

Generally, the internships are comprised of three to four key responsibilities that splits the focus across operational (directly contributing to the program) and managerial (helping with writing, fundraising, building public relations).

Eligibility

This internships are meant current undergraduate students, post-graduate students, pass-outs and working professionals to be able to help society. The general eligibility is (unless specified otherwise in a specific job description).

- a) have completed first semester at university
- b) possess strong communication (written and oral), time management and leadership skills.
- c) Prior volunteering experience although not required is preferred

Application process

Please submit your application form (<http://www.tideinternational.org/internship/apply/>) and CV (email to intern@tideinternational.org) at the earliest; the applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. A Skype interview will be scheduled thereafter. Over the interview your interests, skills and past experience will be discussed which will be used to personalize your internship. We hope to review a given application (along with the interviews) in a month's time.

The final decisions for summer internships are made by 30th April.

About Ahmedabad

TIDE is based in Ahmedabad, the famous Mahatma Gandhi's home during the Indian freedom struggle. Ahmedabad is the third fastest growing city in the world, 7th largest city in India and has consistently ranked in top 5 cities as the most livable city and the safest city in India. Ahmedabad is situated in Gujarat, western India- it is very well connected to key metro cities like Mumbai and Delhi.

Ahmedabad is known for its culture, delicious food, monsoons, bustling markets, majestic forts, temples and palaces. During you visit here, you will be experiencing two seasons on your visit to A'bad; summers and monsoons.

Itinerary and travelling

You would need to apply for VISAs and would need to take a flight in to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. The TIDE team can assist you with the flight bookings if need be. An airport transport from the Ahmedabad airport to your hosting family will be provided. It is recommended that you carry a phone on the journey so that you can make calls to India and US as need be.

India is a beautiful country to travel in and Ahmedabad has the maximum number of historical monuments and sights in India. Although TIDE doesn't take interns on trips though we highly encourage the same and will support the interns with all the necessary information and good travel agencies if need be.

Money Matters

TIDE doesn't charge the interns for the program (however, interns support post their internship is always welcomed; in the past this has come in the form of donations and more importantly as volunteers some of whom have stayed on to lead and set up programs). The interns are expected to manage and pay for their transportation to India, their visas, insurance and transportation within India (to all necessary TIDE and community service sites). Expenses incurred, apart from transportation, in relation to TIDE related work will be paid for by TIDE.

FAQs

1. Is there a way to contact the interns who participated in TIDE last year?

Over the years we have had multiple interns from Ahmedabad, Vadodara, UK, China and Oman. If you would like, we can put you in touch with all of them.

2. Are there any entry exit requirements?

You will need a VISA for your entry in India. Please find additional information on the following site, <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/india.html>

3. Does TIDE organize any tours and travels to visit places in Ahmedabad or around India

No, TIDE doesn't. Though during your off-time from work, you can go visit places at your own personal convenience and we can put you in touch with various travel agencies that we have worked with in the past. Also, our members and host families will help you out with any local queries.

4. What's the plan in the case of an intern getting sick?

If an intern gets sick, we have tie ups with 3 doctors and a hospital in Ahmedabad, so we have medical services available 24/7. Ahmedabad also has an emergency ambulance and medical services. For information regarding health insurance please visit, http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1470.html. Also, just for your information Ahmedabad, Gujarat is a dry state if alcohol may be something you may be worried about.

5. According to Google, Ahmedabad's monsoon season starts in late June and continues through August. How will monsoon season interfere with travel and any outdoor plans?

Yes, the monsoons start in June, but that is one of the best parts of India. The monsoons are absolutely gorgeous, the smell, the breeze, everything. And they shouldn't interfere too much with outdoor plans.

6. Will there be an orientation program?

Apart from the interview call there will be a pre-departure Skype briefing and an orientation program will take place once the interns arrive in Ahmedabad. These will give you an idea about how our programs are conducted, about the locality and its culture.

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For further details

Application related queries can be addressed to us at intern@tideinternational.org. Please give us a day to get back to you on your queries. For further details about TIDE please visit our website at <http://www.tideinternational.org/> or our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/togetherindevelopmentandeducation>