



UCI School of Social Sciences

SOC SCI 197 - INTERNSHIPS

Through an internship, IS students have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the relationship between classroom theory and its practical application; to test career objectives; to determine if there is a proper fit between career requirements and the student's objectives; to develop professional work habits; to improve interpersonal skills; to begin networking with professional contacts; and to prepare for a smooth transition into full-time employment. International Studies majors and minors also have the opportunity to gain valuable experience in working on issues of transnational or global importance.

The information on each organization was supplied by the organization. The internship list below will serve as a guideline of past internships that have been approved. IS students are not limited to only internships found in this list. Please note all internships must be petitioned (including those found in this list). The internship petition must be reviewed and accepted, along with concurrent enrollment in Soc Sci 197, prior to the internship start date for it to be considered for international/field experience.

International Experience Online Petition: Click on the link [here](#) to access the petition form

To be eligible, an internship must meet the following criteria:

- Registered non-profit organization
- Significant international cultural experience

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Access California Services

Access California Services (AccessCal) is a culturally and linguistically sensitive nonprofit health and human services organization. They provide economic and social resources to local Arab- and Muslim-Americans, refugees, and immigrants, yet they are nonsectarian, serving families and individuals of any faith or ethnicity. Since 1998, AccessCal has been offering a wide variety of social and economic services. If interested, please send your cover letter and resume to the contact below.

Contact:

request@accesscal.org

<https://www.accesscal.org/join-us/intern/>

Suzanne Baker: suzanne@accesscal.org

United Nations Association (UNA-USA Orange County Chapter)



The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) is a membership organization dedicated to building understanding of and support for the work of the UN among the American people. The criteria:

- College/university undergraduate or graduate student (any major)
- GPA must be 3.5 or higher
- 50 hours time commitment
- Lively interest in international affairs
- UN supporter
- Willing to put in the time, including attendance at Board meetings, help at tabling events, etc.

NOTE: Only 1 intern at a time.

Contact:

Sara Balkh | balkh.sara@gmail.com or Call: 949-272-6746

<https://www.una-oc.org/yp-opportunities>

Council on American-Islamic Relations



The Council on American Islamic Relations is a grass roots, non-profit, civil rights organization representing Muslims in North America. Headquartered in Washington D.C., and with 33 offices in 21 states and 1 chapter in Canada, we are effectively the largest Muslim civil rights organization in America. CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

The core of the internship program emphasizes the changes that individuals can make on a local level while rooting these efforts to better the community in an understanding of how power operates on a national and international scale. In turn, interns leave with an understanding of how to push for effective local changes that has an international impact. These local changes take shape in the form of civic engagement, advocacy, coalition building, and community organizing. Interns leave the program empowered with the experience of contributing to local efforts that affect national and international policies. Find out more information about the internship program, please visit:

<https://ca.cair.com/losangeles/interns-law-clerks/>

The internship program provides a means to complement academic work with practical vocational experience through professional development and department support that identifies skills, develops leadership, and addresses critical community needs. The goal of the program is to empower the interns to further their career goals while establishing a commitment to the betterment of their local community.

All the while, students will gain an inside look at the field of online journalism and develop the portfolio and skill set to confidently advance in their careers. **If you have any questions regarding the Internship Program or our volunteering opportunities you can contact the CAIR-LA Assistant Programs Manager Alia Aboul-Nasr at aaboul-nasr@cair.com.**

Interns gain hands- on experience in one of the following departments:

- Civil Rights
- Public Affairs
- Media Relations
- Graphic Design
- Youth Development
- Non-Profit Administration
- Development
- Community Organizing

Internship Application: <https://form.jotform.com/70456240090953>

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Global Sustainability Resource Center

UC Irvine is committed to preparing the next generation of thinkers, innovators, and entrepreneurs to help the world meet its profound environmental and social justice challenges. In 2014, the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor created the Sustainability Initiative to provide a platform for interdisciplinary, community-engaged sustainability education and research. This platform enables UC Irvine to elevate established and emerging collaborations, maximize public impact, and augment the campus role in creating integrative solutions and resiliency in the critical resource, environment, climate, justice and health challenges we face.

Contact:

sustainability-center@uci.edu | Call: 949-824-2826

Please check website for application deadlines:

<https://src.sustainability.uci.edu/internships/>



Operation of Hope

Operation of Hope provides life-changing surgical care, healthcare & medical training programs in under-served areas of the world through international collaboration among medical & non-medical volunteers, empowered by corporate and individual sponsors.

The gift of life-changing surgery is possible due to a combination of their passion and your donations. They encourage you to play a vital role in our continued effort to provide surgical answers for the many families who need our help.

Duties: Help with social media and website design. Database entry, donors. Blog and Grant Writing. Video editing

Contact:

Jennifer Trubenbach

(949) 463-1795 | jennifer@operationofhope.org

<https://www.operationofhope.org/>



World Affairs Council (WAC) – Orange County

The World Affairs Council of Orange County is an organization comprised of a non-partisan network of business men and women who are dedicated to educating, inspiring, and engaging Americans in international affairs and the critical global issues of our times.

Summary

The World Affairs Council of Orange County is seeking a part time intern/volunteer for the Programs and Membership Committee. The WACOC is a non-profit and non-partisan organization based in Irvine, CA. The Council is part of the national organization, the World Affairs Councils of America, which is based in Washington, DC. Their mission is to educate and inform its members and community on important and current issues concerning world affairs. The WACOC achieves this mission by organizing dinner events with renowned speakers ranging from diplomats, ambassadors, heads of state and intelligence officials. The Council comprises of six Committees, namely Programs, Membership, Media and Communications, Young Professional, Funding Development, and Scholarship Outreach. Each committee serves as a pillar to sustaining structure within the Council. The Council also hosts an annual Academic WorldQuest Competition for high school students. The winners of the Competition gets sponsored by the Council to compete nationally in Washington DC.

Internship Information: <https://worldaffairsCouncil.org/careers-with-us/>

Contact: Helene R. Veracruz - helene@worldaffairsCouncil.org

Qualifications

Must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree or higher.

- GPA must be higher than 3.0
- 2 quarter commitment
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work creatively on a given project
- Must be reliable, responsible, and hard working
- Additional qualifications are specified in the description for each internship position

Comments

We require a minimum time commitment of 12-15 hours per week and mandatory attendance to our events. This volunteer internship has the potential to be a long term WACOC staff paid position.

Application Instructions:

Please send your resume and cover letter stating weekly availability to:

orangecounty@worldaffairsCouncil.org

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Global Service Scholars

The **Global Service Scholars** is a 3-quarter program offering UC Irvine undergraduates the opportunity to study compassion and participate in immersive service experiences.

In partnership with the School of Social Ecology and the Living Peace Foundation, the program is rooted in compassion and pairs rigorous academic preparation with an immersive service-learning trip.

Scholars, including many minority and first generation college students, first learn about the science and practice of compassion in specialized coursework, examining how to cultivate compassion for others and how to effectively leverage that compassion to make a difference. Then, they put those lessons to practical use working with organizations that work in numerous areas such as sustainability, poverty alleviation and justice.

Website: <https://blumcenter.uci.edu/globalservicescholars/>

Contact: (949) 824-8804 | blumcenter@uci.edu

Voice of Refugees

A faith based Christian non-profit that aims to mobilize local resources in order to fully engage and assist the Middle Eastern and North African refugee community of Orange County to re-establish and assimilate their lives in the United States.



Application:

Fill out the volunteer application at <https://vorservices.org/volunteer/> and if approved, you will then be contacted by the volunteer coordinator to discuss pre-requisites needed.

Contact:

(714) 277-6843 | vor@vorservices.org

Cheri Chan cheric@vorservices.org or vor@vorservices.org



The Tiyya Foundation

With a name derived from the Oromo word for “My Dear” or “My Love,” the Tiyya Foundation [Tiyya] is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing refugees of all backgrounds with the basic material, educational, and emotional support required to integrate into

the communities of Orange County, California. Tiyya currently assists more than 755 refugees from 330 families, many of them escaping persecution in Central America, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Somalia. Tiyya uses a holistic approach to provide transitional assistance for families with the goal of empowering refugee youth to overcome the obstacles associated with social integration by building social support systems among refugee youth and working with parents to provide a healthy environment for their children. Since its establishment in 2010, Tiyya has made numerous impacts on the local refugee community in Orange County.

Tiyya has garnered support from various organizations including the Dalai Lama Endowed Scholarship Program at UC Irvine, the Irvine Program in Public Health, the Center for Living Peace, and Chapman University. These organizations aid in the awareness raising and service efforts for Tiyya clients. Tiyya has developed a significant reputation for its work and in June 2013, was awarded best practicum site from the UCI Program in Public Health for effectively utilizing interns to make a difference in Orange County. Tiyya has received media and press attention from the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register, as well as television programs on CBS, KCAL9 and NBC News for their local projects and programs in Orange County, CA. Using these outlets, the organization has successfully raised awareness of the material, social, and emotional challenges of resettlement for refugees.

Internship Projects include:

- Virtual event planning
- Coordinating with local school organizations
- Outreaching to local refugee families
- Translating conversations & documents
- Conducting research

Application: <https://www.tiyya.org/volunteer>

Contact:

Shukry Cattan | shukry@tiyya.org

(714) 547-5050 | info@tiyya.org

Website | <https://www.tiyya.org/>

**NewGround: A
Muslim-Jewish Partnership
for Change**



NewGround is seeking a 15-20hr/week Intern. This position will provide students with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in nonprofit operations, communications and development.

NewGround envisions an America where Muslims and Jews are empowered to create lasting partnerships, engage in authentic communication and mutual cooperation. This vibrant model of engagement – not bound by history, theology or politics – affirms that conflict is inevitable and yet not intractable. NewGround is a community-building organization that creates, connects and empowers Jewish and Muslim change-makers in America. Through a professional fellowship, high school leadership council and public programming, NewGround transforms Muslim-Jewish relations and advances a shared agenda for change.

Essential Functions:

Assist in growth of NewGround's public presence to strengthen relationships with current and prospective supporters;
Assist in campaigns to grow NewGround's presence on social media;
Develop ongoing content to communicate the organization's activities to external stakeholders, including event collateral;
Assist in planning and implementation of fundraising events; and
Other duties and special projects as assigned.

Qualifications:

Study and demonstrate interest in relevant fields, such as International Studies, Community Development and Conflict-Resolution.

Desired Skills

Superior verbal and written communication skills with attention to detail;
Social Media savvy with excellent organizational skills;
Team driven and self-starter who effectively prioritizes tasks and projects;
Strong interpersonal skills; and
Patient, flexible, and solutions-oriented.

Contact:

Website: <https://mjnewground.org/internships/>

Please email ben@muslimjewishnewground.org for details.



Corazon

All the work is done in Santa Ana, CA, but it directly supports beneficiaries in Tijuana and Tecate, Mexico. Students would be involved in a variety of business, marketing, and operations projects and have the opportunity to communicate and partner with their staff

that sit in Tijuana, Mexico. Their executive director is fluent in Spanish, so should you like to, you can even practice your Spanish in the office.

They have 2-5 spots available each quarter, and give students the opportunity (if you have a U.S. passport) to visit their offices and build a home for a family in need on one Saturday throughout the quarter. This, however, is in no way mandatory. They have a full intern program running, that includes an orientation, on-site training, weekly meetings, labs, and a customized portfolio that fits every student and their skillset.

Requirements:

- Speak English fluently
- Junior or Senior in college
- Majors or interests in: Latin American Studies, Business Operations/Administration, Marketing, Writing, Spanish/Translation, Events and Social Media

Typically look for candidates who are:

- **A mover and shaker.** You love learning and want to be part of a vision bigger than yourself. You are unafraid of the unknown and willing to make things happen.
- **Teachable.** You have a lot to offer, but also know you can learn from those around you.
- **Committed to the cause.** You commit to offering your best solutions and work to this organization to further the mission and vision of Corazón.
- **Independent and self-motivated.** You can own your projects, and provide us with the best solutions and data that you have researched. You are reliable and engaged.
- **Pay attention to the details.** You know the importance of details and how they affect the big picture. You are calculated, accurate, and understand the balance of interpreting complex data as well as providing accurate information.

Contact:

Evangelina Rivera

office@corazon.org | (714) 547-0357

https://www.corazon.org/volunteer_ph

The Borgen Project

Mission Statement

The Borgen Project believes that leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty. We're the innovative, national campaign that is working to make poverty a focus of U.S. foreign policy.

THE BORGEN PROJECT



HOW WE OPERATE

Advocate: We meet with U.S. Congressional leaders to secure support for crucial poverty-reducing legislation.

Mobilize: We mobilize people across the globe behind efforts to make poverty a political priority.

Educate: We teach basic advocacy skills that allow citizens to communicate with their government.

Issue Message: We build awareness of global issues and innovations in poverty-reduction through our online and community presence.

Contact:

Tatiana Nadyseva

Email: prteam@borgenproject.org or info@borgenproject.org

Phone: (253) 433-7118 or (253)-433-7118

Website: <https://borgenproject.org/ngo-internships/>

Address: The Borgen Project

2661 N Pearl St.

PMB #442

Tacoma, WA 98407

UC Irvine, Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA)

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs serves as the hub of a global network of academics and practitioners that study and develop solutions to human and environmental security challenges. Through basic translational and applied research, they leverage emerging technologies to better understand and meet the most urgent needs of current and future generations. Their innovative education and learning programs inspire, train, and develop future leaders and entrepreneurs to further this work throughout their lifetimes.

Contact:

Professor Richard A. Matthew | cusa@uci.edu

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Kids for Peace

Our Mission & Vision

We empower kids to create peace through hands-on service, global friendships and thoughtful acts of kindness.



Kids for Peace

Uplifting Our World Through Love and Action

Our vision is a safe and peaceful world where all people respect and care for each other and our planet. Kids for Peace serves as a model and inspiration for creating this reality with children leading the way, not only for today, but for generations to come.

Kids for Peace is a global 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that provides a platform for young people to actively engage in socially conscious leadership, community service, arts, environmental stewardship and global friendships. Kids for Peace has launched over 300 interconnected chapters around the world. Through Kids for Peace projects and programs, youth of all socioeconomic backgrounds are empowered to become part of positive solutions leading to a healthy and harmonious planet.

Contact:

Meg Jansen | meg@kidsforpeaceglobal.org OR Asia Moore - asia@kidsforpeaceglobal.org

(760) 809-3382 or (760) 730-3320

<https://kidsforpeaceglobal.org/>

Address: 1302 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad, CA, 92008



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Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance

The Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) is dedicated to enhancing the health, and social and economic well-being of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Orange County, California. Established in 1997, OCAPICA works to improve and expand the community's opportunities through service, education, advocacy, organizing and research. We have five offices located in Garden Grove, Costa Mesa, Buena Park, Irvine, and Lake Forest, California.

Contact:

Website: <https://www.ocapica.org/careers.html>

Complete and email the Internship Application form (found on their website) to volunteer@ocapica.org

Emily Park: epark@ocapica.org OR Jenny Correra: jenny.ocapica@gmail.com

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Consortium of Universities for Global Health

The Consortium of Universities for Global Health

(CUGH) is a rapidly growing Washington, DC based organization of over 170 academic institutions and other organizations from around the world engaged in addressing global health challenges. CUGH was established in 2008 with generous funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation.



Our Mission

CUGH supports academic institutions and partners to improve the wellbeing of people and the planet through education, research, service, and advocacy.

Our Vision

Supporting the university as a transforming force in global health.

Contact:

Dalal Najjar | dnajjar@cugh.org

info@cugh.org | (202)-974-6363

Website: <https://www.cugh.org/>

Address: 1608 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Suite 240, Washington DC, District of Columbia, 20036



Korean American Center

We are a nonprofit organization based in Irvine, CA dedicated to building connections between intergenerational Korean-Americans and others in the community by promoting opportunities for

appreciation of Korea's rich cultural heritage. We do this through a formal Korean language program, Korean/English language exchange, cultural events, fostering educational opportunities and workshops designed to educate people about Korean culture, Korean American Young Leaders committee and by providing opportunities for community activities, which further promote our purpose. We aim to integrate others of various backgrounds that have a common interest in Korea and its culture.

Contact:

Email: admin@OCKorean.org or info@KoreanAmericanCenter.org

Website: <https://koreanamericancenter.org/>

Tammy Kim: tk@KoreanAmericanCenter.org

Orange County Japanese American Association

The mission of the Orange County Japanese American Association is to provide and promote various social services and Japanese cultural activities in Orange County through events, programs and seminars.



In order to accomplish our Mission, Orange County Japanese American Association provides:

Public information, referral services, community education/services and Counseling, Information & Referral Social Services, Flu Shot, Support Group Meeting for Senior Care, Health Seminars, Educational Seminars, Publication of the Orange Network, Classes in many Varieties. Promotes events, Japanese cultural fairs and international cultural exchanges, and Joint Community Service Efforts, and Annual Golf Tournaments. Recognizes seniors, community organizations/individual.

Academic/cultural scholarships. Annual Senior Citizen Application Days, Community Service Awards, Annual College Freshman Scholarships, Annual Japanese Cultural Scholarships.

Qualifications:

Must know Japanese, but don't have to be fluent.

Contact:

Email: network@ocjaa.org | Phone: (714) 730-3551

Website: <http://www.ocjaa.org/mission-and-board>

Kimiko Fujita: kimikofujita@gmail.com



Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles (JFLA) promotes

international awareness and mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. through cultural exchange. They administer a wide range of programs and grants aimed at introducing Japanese arts and culture, supporting Japanese Studies and language education, and promoting publications of translations related to Japan. They are a non-profit organization, funded by an endowment from the Japanese government, annual government subsidies, as well as private sector donations.

Qualifications:

Must know Japanese, but do not have to be fluent.

Contact: <https://www.jflalc.org/volunteer>; Email: volunteer@jflalc.org

Email: jflainfo@jflalc.org | Yasuko Yokota at yasuko_yokota@jflalc.org to apply

Website: <https://www.jflalc.org/index>

Anti-Defamation League

The Orange County/Long Beach Region of the Anti-Defamation League is looking for an intern for 10-15 hours/week who is interested in learning how a nonprofit anti-hate organization functions by assisting with the office's work and taking on appropriate projects under supervision of the Regional Director Peter Levi. We are looking for an intern each term of the school year. Interns can be paid or receive college credit.



ADL's mission has not changed since its founding in 1913: "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Now the nation's premier anti-hate organization, ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals and protects civil rights for all.

ADL does this by:

1. Decreasing bigoted attitudes in the general population in the US and Israel (with an emphasis on K-12 schools, college campuses, workplaces, and law enforcement)
2. Increasing safety and security for marginalized groups, including advocating for effective laws that protect civil rights, addressing discrimination, hate crimes, and hate

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crime reporting; ensuring a strong separation between church and state; and assisting law enforcement in reducing bias, combatting hate crimes, extremism, and terrorism

3. Neutralizing campaigns that seek to de-legitimize Israel and marginalize members of the Jewish community
4. Increasing the ability of the American Jewish community and other groups to respond to anti-Semitism
5. Increasing civility, particularly online, including effective responses to cyberhate

ADL's intern will learn about non-profit operations by working closely with professional staff to:

- be an activate participant on the regional ADL team,
- maximize learning opportunities by "shadowing" professional team as appropriate in meetings and trainings,
- and develop special ADL project in area of interest.

Responsibilities will include:

- Front Office: Triage phone calls, provide information, instruct callers on how to report an incident online, and route calls to other staff.
- Meetings: Provide support for ongoing meetings, including Regional Board Meetings, Glass Leadership, Institute, and committee meetings. This includes reminder calls/e-mails to participants, printing and copying meeting materials, arranging meals, and submitting facilities requests for after-hours meetings.
- Events: Assist with event logistics planning, maintain event websites, event set-up, guest registration, answer or direct guest inquiries to appropriate staff person. At smaller events with no professional photographer, photograph and take video of events.
- Fundraising: Provide updated donor information, prepare timely and accurate donor profiles, donor acknowledgements (thank you calls and handwritten letters).
- Education: Help compile, organize, and maintain education resources and information.
- Digital Media: Create, share and post content, including but not limited to: Regional social media accounts, web pages, and e-newsletters.
- Other Administrative Duties: Maintain/update contact lists (schools, politicians, law enforcement, places of worship, etc.) to ensure that they are up to date and accurate to import into CRM (Salesforce). Route documents and requests to ADL's central office in NY.

Contact:

Regional Director | Orange County/Long Beach Region

Peter Levi | plevi@adl.org | 949-679-3770

<https://orangecounty.adl.org/>

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CAUSE began as two separate organizations, CAUSE in Ventura County in 2001 and PUEBLO in Santa Barbara County in 2003, which both emerged during the nationwide living wage movement and won milestone victories to create a living wage region on the Central Coast, lifting wages for thousands of workers. In 2013, the two organizations joined forces, and CAUSE took on PUEBLO's work in Santa Barbara County, creating a regional organization for social, economic and environmental justice.

CAUSE's Mission:

CAUSE is a base-building organization committed to social, economic, and environmental justice for working-class and immigrant communities in California's Central Coast. We build grassroots power through community organizing, leadership development, coalition building, civic engagement, policy research, and advocacy.

CAUSE's vision is that together we can create a global community where we all contribute to, and benefit from, a sustainable economy that is just, prosperous and environmentally healthy.

Contact: Zulema Aleman - zulema@causenow.org

Website: <https://causenow.org/content/jobsinternships>

Lucia@causenow.org

NOTE:

If you experience challenges with any of the internships on this list, please do not hesitate to contact Kurt Hessinger at kurt.hessinger@uci.edu.

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