

SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE

GRANT OPEN HOUSE



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 2016
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Grant Open House Agenda

3:35 PM

Introductions

3:45 PM

Types of SAI Grants

- SAI Internship Sites (St. Jude Childcare Centres, Jana Care, History Project)

3:55 PM

SAI Grant Application Overview

- Language Study, Research, Internships

4:00 PM

Grant Advice and Tips

4:15 PM

Seed for Change

4:30 PM

Resources and Question and Answer

SAI Types of Grant Funding

INTERNSHIP GRANTS

- Hands on experience with NGOs, think tanks and organizations in South Asia
- Preference given to SAI partnership organizations

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Conduct on-the-ground research
- Priority given towards undergraduate thesis and graduate dissertation research

LANGUAGE STUDY GRANTS

- Pursue an intensive study of a South Asian Language
- Applicants can pursue independently or through an institution

SEED FOR CHANGE

- Kick-start your startup idea
- Test the viability of projects that positively impact societal, economic, and environmental issues in India and Pakistan

Internship Sites

SECTORS

Education

Government, Legislation, and Policy

Environment

Microfinance

Community and Rural Development

Science and Technology

NGO

Public Health

SOUTH ASIA LOCATIONS

Afghanistan*	Bangladesh	Burma (Myanmar)
Bhutan	India	Maldives
Nepal	Pakistan*	Sri Lanka

DURATION

- 8 week minimum for Summer
- 3 week minimum for Winter Session

Priority given to SAI Partner Organizations

*Typically Harvard undergraduates with Pakistani citizenship or any Harvard graduate students are able to apply for grants in Pakistan.

SAI Internship Partners

- **St. Jude India ChildCare Centres**
Mumbai, India
- **Jana Care**
Bangalore, India
- **History Project**
Lahore, Pakistan



St. Jude India Child Care Centres



Community Development
Mumbai, India

St. Jude India Child Care Centres provides cost-free, housing, food, and education/recreational activities for children recovering from treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses.

Internship:

- Conducting educational/recreational activities for children
- Interviewing returnee children and families to understand how life is once the child goes back home

Stipend: St. Jude India ChildCare Centres can take care of accommodation and local travel costs.

Jana Care



Science and Technology
Bangalore, India

Jana Care is a health technology startup working on making diabetes management simpler and cheaper in developing countries.

Software Engineer Internship:

- Designing and implementing new features in our mobile applications
- Expanding on our data analysis algorithms that combine lifestyle and medical data to customize our programs to individual patients



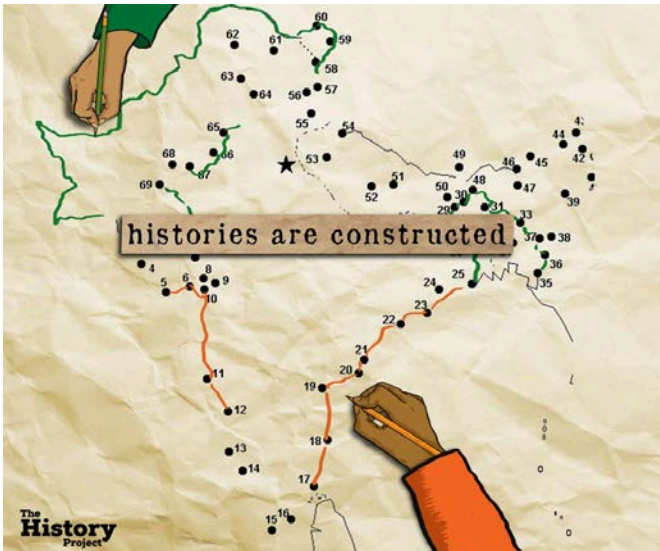
History Project

Education, Community Development
Lahore, Pakistan

The History Project's mission is to fight intolerance by building educational experiences that teach young minds the art of critically analyzing multiple versions of history to form objective historical opinion about their past and identity.

Content Writer/Research Internship:

- Researching relevant textbook history content
- Developing and delivering enrichment programs— such as women's empowerment, presentation skills, team building, arts & crafts, music, world culture, etc.— for engaging after school activities



Deadlines & Application

Winter Deadline: October 15, 2016

Summer Deadline: February 15, 2017

Application Components:

- CARAT (common application) and budget
- Letter of acceptance from in-region organization (*for internships*)
- Annotated Bibliography (*for research*)
- 750 word proposal
- Resume
- Transcript (unofficial is okay)
- 2 letters of recommendation (The recommender must send the letter directly via email to Diana at diananguyen@fas.harvard.edu)

Undergraduates and graduates will upload application documents via CARAT

What Makes a Good Proposal?

Advice from the SAI Grant Committee

- 1. *Letters of Recommendation:*** It is preferable to have someone write a letter who a) is knowledgeable about your particular project, such as an academic advisor and b) can speak to your interest and commitment to South Asia.
- 2. *Research Proposals:*** Thesis research is particularly encouraged and it helps if a faculty member is involved. Your proposal should be specific and feasible.
- 3. *Internship Proposals:*** SAI partnered organizations are preferred, as are projects that benefit the local community.
- 4. *Previous Experience with South Asia:*** *South Asia related courses, language study, student organization, etc.*
- 5. *Budget: Details!***
- 6. *Potential travel risks:*** *SAI may not be able to fund travel to elevated–risk and high-risk areas.*

What Are Common Mistakes?

1. **Feasibility:** Can the goals of your research or internship be met in the span of weeks?
2. **Proposal:** Often times students have never written a project proposal before. Please have your house tutor or advisor look it over for advice and constructive criticism.
3. **Approach towards the topic or region:** We want to support students who have a growing, humble interest in the region or the topic as well as students who have taken South Asian courses at Harvard. Projects that demonstrate an investment in your current interests and future are valued.
4. **Support Networks:** It is important to mention contacts you have with trusted organizations or people in the area.

What Makes a Good Budget?

WHAT SAI GRANTS COVER:

- *Pre-departure:*
 - International airfare
 - Visa processing fees
 - Medical expenses (immunizations & medications)
- *Post-arrival:*
 - Lodging
 - Transportation
 - Meals
 - Communications (phone & Internet)
 - Internship/research-related materials
- The average SAI grant amount is between 500 and 3500

WHAT SAI GRANTS **DO NOT** COVER:

- External program fees
- Leisure travel expenses
- Souvenir purchases

Completing Your Budget Proposal



Harvard University Common Application for Research and Travel

BUDGET FORM					
Last Name:	First Name:	MI:	Student Type: <small>Undergraduate/Graduate</small>	Grant Start Date:	Grant End Date:
Previous awards received at Harvard: You are required to list any previous awards that you have received during your academic studies at Harvard.					
EXPENSES:	Amount: <small>List total here</small>	RESOURCES:	Amount: <small>List total here</small>		
Airfare: Round-trip airfare from Boston-Logan International Airport to Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport is estimated to cost approximately USD \$1,500. In this area, list available flight options based on your preliminary research.	~\$1,500	Personal Funds: List the amount of available personal funds that you expect to contribute toward the financing of your proposed project in Delhi			
Internal Travel Expenses: Monthly in-city travel for Delhi is estimated to cost USD \$46 (Rs. 2,500). This does not include personal leisure travel or out-of-city fieldwork.	~\$46	Other grants or awards: In this section, detail any other grants or awards that you have received to help fund your proposed project. These may be Harvard-affiliated or received from one or more outside sources; either way, they must be listed.			
Food and Lodging: Monthly food and lodging expenses in Delhi are estimated to total USD \$384 (Rs. 13,500 [lodging], Rs. 7,500 [food]).	~\$384				
Program Fees/Tuition: SAI grants do not cover any program fees charged by internship sites.		Other financial resources: List any other financial resources not included above that you plan to use to offset the cost of your proposed project.			
Other expenses: Other expenses may include, but are not limited to: Pre-departure - vaccinations/malarial medications (recommended), visa fees (estimated for US citizens at ~\$78 for multiple-entry, 6-month tourist visa) Post-arrival - convenience items, work-related expenses, communications (phone & internet estimated at ~USD \$46/month [Rs. 2,500])					
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<small>List total here</small>	TOTAL RESOURCES:	<small>List total here</small>		
GRANT AMOUNT REQUEST: Total expenses - total resources = grant amount request					
* NOTE: You must inform the Funding Sources to which you are applying if you receive any award for this project after submitting this application.					

Other Funding Sources

We Encourage You To Apply For Multiple Sources Of Funding For The Same Project

SAI has jointly funded UNDERGRADUATE projects with:

- Harvard Global Health Institute
- Weatherhead Center
- Office of Career Services*

SAI has jointly funded undergraduate and graduate projects with:

- Asia Center Summer Research Grants
for cross national comparative projects

List all sources of funding you are applying to on your application

Should I apply to OCS for funding?

Are you and undergraduate applying for an SAI Internship Grant?

No.

Yes

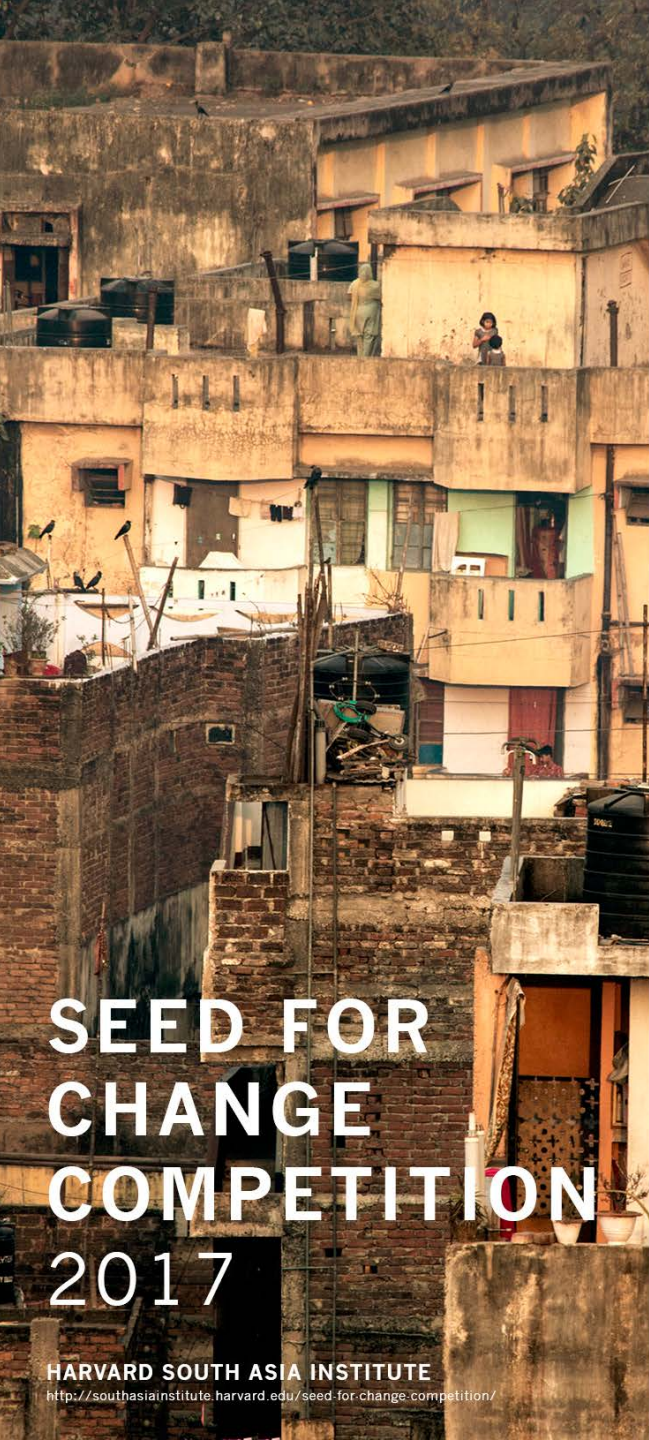
Is the internship site an SAI partnered organization?

No.

Yes

You may apply to both SAI and OCS for funding.

Do **not** apply for funding from OCS. SAI will share your internship application with OCS.



SEED FOR CHANGE COMPETITION 2017

HARVARD SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE

<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/seed-for-change-competition/>

WHAT

The annual competition run by the Harvard South Asia Institute will award grant prizes to interdisciplinary student projects that positively impact societal, economic, and environmental issues in India or Pakistan.

WHO

Teams with at least one current Harvard student at the time of submission, which can include undergraduates, graduates, or postdoctoral fellows.

WHEN

Finalists will be notified in late March, and will develop their project before the showcase event in May. Grants will be used for the duration of one year, from May 2017 to May 2018.

DEADLINE
TO APPLY:

**FEB. 15,
2017**

INDIA

Three teams will be given an initial prize of

\$5,000

And one final team will receive

\$40,000

PAKISTAN

One final team will receive

\$7,500

The Seed for Change fund will develop a vibrant ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India and Pakistan through a competition run by Harvard South Asia Institute. Grant prizes will be given to student projects that positively impact societal, economic, and environmental issues in India and Pakistan .

WEBSITE

<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/seed-for-change-competition/>

COMPETITION DEADLINE:

February 15, 2017

Seed For Change

CRITERIA

- Applications must include at least one current Harvard student at the time of submission, which can include undergraduates, graduates, postdoctoral fellows or clinical fellows, who will spend a period of time in India to test their proposed idea.
- Teams should have a Harvard faculty mentor to provide feedback, input and mentorship.
- While a local partner in India may not always be available at the seed stage, such a partnership is highly encouraged.
- The proposed enterprise can be a nonprofit, advocacy, or a for profit venture.
- Everyone listed as a team member must have a pivotal role.
- Preference will be given to ideas in the early phases and that have not received significant funding.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Current Resume/CV
- Endorsement from Faculty
- Budget
- Narrative

TIMELINE

- Applications due mid-February
- Pitch Presentation is early March
- Finalists present at Symposium in May
- Grand prize winners announced at Symposium

COMPETITION DEADLINE: February 15, 2017

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Additional Resources

SAI Support at Harvard

Early December: **Pre-Departure Orientation**

- **In Region Events**
Alumni Events
- **Student Grant Reports and Videos:**
<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/student-grant-reports/>
- **FAQs about SAI Grants:**
<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/sai-grants-frequently-asked-questions/>

SAI In-Region Network

Harvard Club of India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Myanmar

In – Region staff in Pakistan, India, and Nepal

Additional Resources

Harvard's Global Support Services

Dual mission:

1. Support and enable international projects and travel
2. Mitigate risks to the University and individuals

International Safety & Security

Harvard Travel Assist
GLOBAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE



International Safety & Security

- Pre-travel advice and assessment
 - Program Manager specializing in female and BGLTQ travelers
- Emergency management
- Harvard Travel Assist/ Travel Registry

General info

globalsupport.harvard.edu

Travel tools

traveltools.harvard.edu

Safety and security inquiries

international_safety@harvard.edu

Call **+1 617 998 0000** for 24/7 advice and support

- Medical emergencies*
- Medical referrals
- Medical evacuations
- Security evacuations
- Security advice

**For life-threatening emergencies, first call local equivalent of '911', if appropriate*

Asia: Finding & Funding Internships

When: Tuesday, November 8, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Where: Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street

Description: Want to intern in Asia, but unsure where to begin? Do you want to get experience in a particular country and need ideas? Hear from a student panel about their diverse internship experiences in Asia, and learn strategies for finding and funding an internship.

Please register through Crimson Careers.

Q & A