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Two weeks in Mumbai, India at Gateway House
International Connection Grant Proposal

Visit goals

- Establish an annual internship for one or more Lehigh students to travel to India and conduct research for Gateway House. This internship would build on a trial internship arranged by myself and Gateway House this past winter.
- Explore forms of off-site collaboration for students and faculty. Gateway House serves as a major producer and disseminator of original research. A regular collaboration between Lehigh and Gateway House could take the form of a series of working papers, an interactive weblog dialogue or video-conferencing to sustain dialogue between Indian and American academe.
- Build a data gathering research project. Gateway House with its permanent staff and visiting fellows is on the ground in India. Its primary constituency is the business and policy communities in Mumbai. I think they could gather primary data for a larger project on India that I am developing which focuses on domestic sources of support for social justice initiatives. The project explores the role of the Indian corporate world and nonprofits in developing innovative policies and projects to mitigate the effects of highly uneven economic development and growth in the country.

Expected outcomes

- In the short term I would be better able to assess the capacity of Gateway House to serve as an institutional partner for Lehigh. While a regular internship appears to be manageable, I do not have the means to evaluate their ability to carry out longer term, more sustained research collaborations.
- Eventually, I hope that this visit will result in a regular internship for Lehigh students, a sustained dialogue between Gateway House scholars and the Lehigh community, and the launch of a multi-year research collaboration.
- Finally, this visit and the resulting partnerships will raise Lehigh's profile in India, helping us attract international students and placing us on the map of scholars who travel between South Asia and the United States. Lehigh is committed to expanding its international profile, its global orientation and its dialogue with India in particular. My visit would advance each of those goals for students and faculty alike.

Nature of interaction

Gateway House (<http://www.gatewayhouse.in/>) is a research institute in Mumbai India that focuses on Indian foreign and economic policy. The think tank has been established on the model of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York and the two centers have an extensive collaboration. While I am there, I would be hosted as a visiting fellow and given the opportunity to interact with their fellows and staff. I would work most closely with Manjeet Kripalani, the Executive Director of the institute and with Akshay Mathur who is the senior geo-economics fellow to develop our partnership. Scholars associated with Gateway House come from Columbia University, Georgetown University, Jawaharlal University, the Indian Defense Forces and I would be able to establish contacts with them as well.

Pre-trip planning

I have had a limited email exchange with Gateway House about my visit which they fully endorse (see attached). The initial internship was a huge success for the student concerned and for Gateway House. This provides a very concrete collaboration on which to build.

Expected follow-up

- When I return, I hope to be able to work with the study abroad office and the career services office to institutionalize the internship immediately.
- I would work with members of LTS to design useful collaborations that can be part of courses and projects already underway at Lehigh.
- Finally, I hope that working out the logistics of the research collaboration will allow me to focus on developing the theoretical aspect of this research and draw in other members of the community, especially in the College of Business and Economics and the College of Education as potential collaborators.

Travel Dates

- August 1- August 16 2011

Budget


Round-trip flight economy	\$1800.00
14 days in Mumbai @ state dept max rate	\$7210.00
My expected per diem cost for 14 days	\$ 2800.00
<u>Trip total costs:</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>


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Dear Nandini,

It has been two weeks since Ryan Stillwagon, your student, left Gateway House to return to his studies at Lehigh.

Our experience with Ryan was an excellent one. He was a self-starter, motivated, collaborative, contributive, thoughtful, open to new people and environments. He wrote for our website, he participated in our meetings, he contributed to discussions, and plunged into India and Bombay with enthusiasm.

Perhaps not all students are like Ryan, but he has set such a good example, that we would like to open a discussion with you about formalizing such internship opportunities with Gateway House and graduate and undergraduate students from Lehigh. Attached is a posting for the summer internships which we offer undergraduate students. For graduate students such as Ryan, the internship would be formatted according to their area of study, and could last between a month to nine months, or it could be project based.

We would also like to discuss with you, opportunities for your faculty to collaborate with our scholars on papers and research reports on subjects of common interest – such as the research study you want to do on India's relationship with Afghanistan – and their contribution to our website. Since we are an India-focused site, the subject matter will cover issues of relevance to India, be they geopolitics, geoeconomics, national security, trade, globalization, environment, energy, etc.

It will be good if we can discuss this in person, and we invite you to do so. Please let me know your travel schedule so we can set aside the requisite time.

Thank you.

With regards,

Manjeet

Manjeet Kripalani

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
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Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations Internship

DESCRIPTION

Department: Research and Programmes

Length of Internship: Flexible (minimum 1 month), April – September 2011

Salary: Unpaid; Accommodation provided only under exceptional circumstances.

Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations is a **start-up, foreign policy** think-tank established in 2009, to engage India's leading corporations and individuals in debate and scholarship on India's foreign policy and its role in global affairs. Gateway House executes its mission through a comprehensive website, a robust membership and meetings programme, and the studies programme.

Gateway House's Studies Programme is at the heart of the institute's scholarship, with original research by global and local scholars in Geo-economics, Geopolitics, Foreign Policy analysis, bilateral relations, Democracy and nation-building, maritime security, National security, ethnic conflict and terrorism, Science, technology and innovation, and Energy and Environment.

In consultation with the Executive Director, the intern will identify, plan and execute research on topics related to Gateway House's priorities.

Responsibilities and Expectations:

For Graduate students:

- Undertake various primary research tasks, conduct historical analysis and locate relevant literature for Gateway House's Studies Programme
- Attend meetings and other programs on foreign policy issues; represent Gateway House at public events
- Interview Indian foreign policy and corporate business leaders; incorporate findings and recommendations into strategic report
- Conduct educational outreach and marketing to Indian universities, government officials and community leaders; promote Gateway House via internet and social networking sites
- Contribute to general administrative tasks
- Bi-monthly review sessions to review progress on tasks assigned and goals
- Final presentation to Gateway House management of internship accomplishments and feedback
- **Some graduate students will have the opportunity to design their own mutually-beneficial research project.**

For Undergraduate students:

- Research and writing entries for the Gateway House Wikipedia
- Assist in marketing and outreach efforts to membership and wider public
- Promote Gateway House via internet and social networking sites
- Final presentation to Gateway House management of internship accomplishments and feedback

Preferred Qualifications:

- Graduate student in international affairs/public policy/political science
- Strong demonstrated interest in India and South Asia
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Resourceful, attention to detail, Self-Starter, Ability to work independently
- Research interest in one or more of the following: (Geo-economics, Geopolitics, Foreign Policy analysis, Bilateral relations, Democracy and nation-building, National security, ethnic conflict and terrorism, Science, technology and innovation, Maritime Security and Energy and Environment)



- Strong Microsoft Office skills, Relevant foreign language skills a plus

Please submit a CV, a covering letter indicating your interest in Gateway House and motivations for working with us, and a recent short writing sample. Once we review these documents internally, we'll contact you for an interview (in person if you're in Mumbai), or over the telephone.

Your application should be emailed to Info@gatewayhouse.in with the subject "Internship Application - YOUR_NAME"