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Education

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

5/2016 - Present

Candidate for a Bachelor of Arts: **Philosophy, Politics, Economics**

Minors: **Computer Science, South Asian Studies, Theatre Arts**

Work & Leadership Experience

Research Assistant, Centre for the Advanced Study of India, UPenn

8/2017 – Present

- Provides research support for various research endeavors involving the study of India and other developing nations
- Analyses trends in the growth of various elements of the Indian state such as government personnel and budget allocations
- Scrutinizes the structural factors that cause violence, poverty and inefficiency in developing nations and creates cross country comparisons

Summer Research Fellow, Prayas Energy Group, Pune, India

5/2017 – 7/2017

- Examined the Environmental Impact Assessment Notifications 2006 and its interaction with relevant legislation across different sectors
- Prepared a case study about the contentious Cheyyur Thermal Power Project
- Analyzed & identified the structural problems that plague the environmental clearance process in India.

Treasurer, Penn Effective Altruism, Philadelphia, PA

4/2017 - Present

- Spearheaded the organization's application for Student Activities Council recognition
- Manages finances and prepares budgets for each semester
- Organizes donations, reimbursements and coordination with the Centre for Effective Altruism

Founder, Project Nurture, Hyderabad, India

9/2015 – 7/2016

- Led an initiative to improve the health and nutrition of underprivileged children
- Organized dental, medical and eye camps for underprivileged children
- Collaborated with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and arranged a vaccination plan

Intern, Amazon India University Relations Team, Hyderabad, India

12/2016 – 2/2017

- Contributed to Amazon India's University branding strategy to attract top talent from universities.
- Interviewed engineering students to identify what made companies attractive to them
- Drafted a report suggested the use of sponsored hackathons, AWS credit incentives and outreach

Accomplishments & Additional Information

Academic: *Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences (2016 – 2017)*

Debate: *Debate India Round Robin 2017, Finalist, 4th Best Speaker, Temple University Debate Championships, 2nd best Speaker, British Parliamentary Debate Novice Nationals, 2017*

Theatre: *Treasurer of Penn Nataak. Acted in a Penn Nataak production of "Could You Please look into the Camera" by Mohammed Al Attar*

Groups: *Penn Debate Society, Penn Effective Altruism, Penn Nataak, Penn Club Tennis, Undergraduate Economics Society,*