

## 2019 IIX Summer Apprentice Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Why an apprenticeship at IIX

Response: An apprenticeship is the best way to put your college/university learning into practical application and to evolve a broader knowledge base. It helps a student to achieve a better understanding of how the real world works. An apprenticeship at IIX will expose the candidate to the best of knowledge in development finance, social finance research and advisory as well as social impact assessments (SROI). You will also be exposed to cutting-edge social and financial innovations, like the Women's Livelihood Bond.

#### 2. What is the average duration of the summer apprentice program?

Response: Due to the steep learning curve in the impact investing space, in order for you to get the most out of the program, we require you to commit 12 weeks of full time apprenticeship.

#### 3. Can I send my application only in January 2019?

Response: As applications to the program is extremely competitive and there are limited spots on the summer apprentice program, all applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and we encourage you to send in your application as early as possible. The 2019 program will commence on 13 May 2019 and end on 2 August 2019 (12 weeks).

#### 4. Are the apprentices paid a salary, stipend or any other kind of compensation?

Response: All apprenticeships will be paid a small stipend to cover food and transport. Due to the regulations under Singapore Ministry of Manpower and Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore, we do not provide any form of salary or funding for internships. Most of our past apprentices have successfully applied for grant funding from their respective schools once they secure an IIX offer.

#### 5. Can I know what I can expect in terms of the structure of the summer program?

Response: The apprentice program at IIX is a very comprehensive and structured program, which covers a range of topics. We ensure to give our apprentices the best possible experience to expand their knowledge base and put the learning in practice. Apart from working directly with the team on on-going projects and fieldwork, we also hold internal and external workshops to enhance your learning experiences.

An example of some of the workshops that we have held for past Summer Programs:

- "How to create and maintain a brand" led by Deepa Chatrath, GM of Patek Philippe Asia
- "A view of the Social Enterprise Landscape in Singapore" led by Alfie Othman, Executive Director of raiSE (Social Enterprise Association of Singapore)
- "How to raise capital" led by Pranay Samson, Associate Director of IIX
- "How to conduct an impact assessment" led by Durreen Shahnaz, Founder & CEO of IIX
- "Different faces of innovation" led by Lee Ng, Director of Lumen Lab

We do our best to ensure that students have the best learning experience by involving you in diversified and innovative projects as well as participating in both internal and external training workshops. Depending on which project you will be working on, you may also get the opportunity to travel for field work in the region to work with impact enterprises.

**6. What kind of cultural experiences can I look forward to as I'm visiting Asia for the first time?**

Response: All our apprentices have had very memorable experience staying in Singapore because for many international students, it is their first time living in Asia. Singapore offers a very diverse multi-cultural experience, as it is a melting pot of Chinese, Malaysian and Indian cultures, ethnicities, cuisines, arts and music. Our Singapore head office is in fact located right next to the precinct of Little India, which offers the best of Indian culture in terms of temples, cuisines, shopping, museums and heritage walks. We encourage our apprentices to take the time out to explore the city as much as possible, from its heritage trails in Haji Lane, Little India and Chinatown to the gleaming modern skyscrapers of Marina Bay area. There are also numerous budget flights that offer affordable travel within Southeast Asia for your weekend visits.

**7. Do I need a visa for Singapore?**

Response: If you are a citizen of USA, European Union, United Kingdom, South Korea, Switzerland, you can get visa on arrival for up to 90 days. However we would advise you to enquire about visa for Singapore, with the Singapore High Commission in your country, through their website.

You can also visit this [link](#) to know more about the visa requirements for citizens from other countries.

**We strongly advise all students to apply for a visa under the Work-Holiday Program.** This is useful if you plan to travel around Asia during your time in Singapore and makes your re entry into Singapore smoother and hassle free.

You can visit the below link to apply for the work holiday pass.

Link : <http://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-holiday-programme/apply-for-a-pass>

**8. Do you provide assistance with accommodation and arrival in Singapore?**

Response: Our office is located at the city fringe with easy accessibility to both residential and commercial properties. Many different types of accommodations are available in Singapore depending on your budget. While we can assist to suggest areas to stay during your apprenticeship, you are expected to book and arrange your own accommodation and arrange your own travel from airport to your temporary residence, whether by taxi or public transport. Before you plan your arrival in Singapore, we will be sending you a detailed on-boarding email, which will have all the useful information for you. You can always email us with any other questions you have regarding your stay in Singapore and we will be happy to help wherever possible.

For any other queries, please feel free to reach out to [apprenticeships@iixglobal.com](mailto:apprenticeships@iixglobal.com)