



SOUTH ASIAN PHILANTHROPY PROJECT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The South Asian Philanthropy Project (SAPP) is looking for a New Media Intern!

Responsibilities:

The intern's primary responsibility is to provide posts for the organization's website (<http://southasianphilanthropy.org/>) approximately 3 times per week, and build relationships with other bloggers and online communities through links and comments. The intern will be encouraged to suggest new web features; propose interviews, book reviews and more; and explore other new media vehicles such as podcasts and videos. Additional responsibilities may include assistance with the implementation of SAPP goals generally (see below). These tasks could take anywhere from 3 to 5 hours per week.

Requirements:

SAPP is looking for a responsible, self-driven college or graduate student who is interested in philanthropy and South Asian communities, with writing and blogging experience.

Benefits:

As a not-for-profit start-up, SAPP cannot offer paid positions. In lieu of paid positions, however, we can offer positions for academic credit (and are willing to work with your academic institution to do so). Additional benefits include the following: (1) getting on the ground floor of an exciting organization with a tremendous amount of potential; (2) opportunities to connect with and meet community, academic and philanthropic leaders; and (3) sharpening your writing and blogging skills.

Format:

SAPP is a virtual not-for-profit (meaning we do not have office space). The two founders – Archana Sridhar and Venu Gupta – are located in Toronto, Canada and Chicago, Illinois respectively. For information on these individuals and the rest of the team, please visit <http://southasianphilanthropy.org/authors/>.

We conduct business over email and telephone. There are periodic conference calls to assess progress and make decisions.

Application:

If interested in this position, please send the following to Archana Sridhar via email at southasianphilanthropy@gmail.com, with “Intern Application” in the subject line:

1. A current resume;
2. A statement describing your interest/experience in blogging and/or social media (a writing sample or link to other blog writing is encouraged); and
3. A statement describing your interest in the organization’s mission.

Below are answers to other frequently asked questions.

What is SAPP?

The goal of the South Asian Philanthropy Project (SAPP) is to create a forum that inspires South Asian Americans to become more involved in philanthropy and volunteering. SAPP aims to accomplish this by forming a network of resources and stimulating dialogue among South Asians in the diaspora.

This project will result in more South Asians donating resources, volunteering, and serving on charity boards. Eventually, we envision working with private and community foundations as well as charities to offer training workshops for donors, have roundtables with charities, and hold group events for civically-engaged South Asians.

By getting involved in this forum, South Asians like us will be a more powerful part of our communities. And, our talents and resources will contribute to great causes like education, fighting domestic violence, and promoting the arts.

More information about SAPP, the Founders, and Staff can be found at <http://southasianphilanthropy.org/>.

How is SAPP organized?

The two Founders – Archana Sridhar and Venu Gupta – are located in Toronto, Canada and Chicago, IL respectively. The SAPP interns – Priyanka Dube and Ramya Iyer – are located in Bloomington, IN and Chicago, IL respectively. (For information on these individuals please visit <http://southasianphilanthropy.org/>.)

What initiatives/projects will be the focus of the internship?

Given the small size of the organization and staff, we all do a bit of everything. However, the work of this internship will be focused primarily on researching and writing posts for the SAPP blog on issues related to philanthropy, volunteering, the non-profit sector, and the South Asian community. In addition, it is possible that the intern will have opportunities to work on (1) preparing materials for a report on South Asian philanthropy and (2) preparing for a meeting of South Asian philanthropists and community leaders in 2010.

Who can I contact for more information?

Do not hesitate to contact Venu Gupta or Archana Sridhar for information about SAPP and/or the internship. Venu can be contacted at guptavenu@gmail.com, and Archana can be contacted via email at archanas2005@gmail.com.