— Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) Internship Opportunity—
Security and International Affairs Think Tanks (SIATTs) Team Application Details

The key details and qualifications for the internship are as follows:

- This opening is for the Security and International Affairs Think Tanks (SIATTs) team. The work involves a mix of data collection (especially in the current phase), collecting and reviewing literature on SIATTs, and eventually contributing writing to a research report on SIATTs (depending on how far along the team gets with the first two things).
- **This is a 10-15 hr/week commitment (minimum). It is important that applicants genuinely assess whether they are able and willing to meet this requirement.** Interns can choose to work more than 15 hours per week (such as if they want to get class credit or more experience).
- **You need to be available on Friday mornings, 8:30-10:00 AM eastern time**, but **otherwise the schedule is relatively flexible**: you just need to be able to meet weekly deadlines and mid-weekly checkpoints (i.e., you cannot do all of the work in the two days before a deadline).
- **If selected you would start immediately** (preferably before 2/26/2021).
- **The internship is until April 30th.**
- **The internship is unpaid.**
- College students (both undergrad and grad students) and recent graduates are eligible.
- For more information (including some examples of the publications that interns have contributed to), you can visit the organization's site: https://www.gotothinktank.com.
- Overall, I would recommend this so long as you are not overloaded with school work and you want to get some experience and/or resume padding, especially for traits like "attention to detail," "teamwork," "open-source research," and "meeting deadlines." In part due to the pandemic/virtual setting but also in large part due to the nature of TTCSP (which is heavily operated by interns), there are not many opportunities to network with a variety of professionals (although there is peer networking, and we have had a few researchers such as Michael O'Hanlon come to the Friday meetings to talk and take questions). Still, like I said the work is good for your resume/cover letter and my impression has been that TTCSP/Dr. McGann (the director) has relatively decent name recognition among think tanks (especially since TTCSP produces one of if not the most widely-cited rankings/reports of think tanks globally, and Dr. McGann is frequently cited in research on think tanks and helps organize symposiums and other events that bring academics/institutions together).

To apply:

- Send an email with "SIATTs Team Application" and your name in the subject line to Harrison Durland at hmdurland@gmail.com. In the email, include:
  - **Your resume;**
  - **A 1-2 paragraph statement of interest, availability, and qualification.** Alternatively, you can include a cover letter (or make the statement of interest/etc. longer), but if that would cause a delay it is probably better to prioritize applying quickly (see below).
- **Apply ASAP (i.e., preferably apply *before Monday*, 2/22/21).**
- **If I receive a large volume of applications, I will update the following spreadsheet to give a notice that I will no longer be accepting applications after a certain time (e.g., a day's notice)**: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gIF6ED_Hg4by1x0E_5_HERr2T1dYz6Vn6w SYia2D4bA/edit?usp=sharing. Thus, people interested in applying should check this somewhat frequently.
  - Conversely, if I do not receive *enough* applications by the preferred apply-by date listed above, then I will make a note of that on the spreadsheet.
  - More broadly, if there are any other major updates or issues/points of confusion that I need to address then I will do so in that spreadsheet.

In case it is relevant (e.g., if people are curious/skeptical about why two interns dropped), one of the interns dropped because of a family emergency and the other because of inability to meet the time commitment.