Week 2 Lecture
Jobs & Internships for the Career-minded Humanitarian Engineer
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• Required to use Global TIES project lab, WLH 2211
• EH&S will conduct MANDATORY safety training 4/20, 1pm-3pm
  – Location: Booker Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Jacobs Hall
  – All new Global TIES students are required to attend
  – Returning students who have not taken EH&S training in past calendar year may renew online
  – Make-up sessions available

• As with any other job or internship, a successful application starts with the most basic elements: your resume and cover letter

• UCSD’s Career Services Center offers a number of opportunities job seekers would be wise to take advantage of, including:
  – Workshops on the job search, preparing your resume/cover letter, and interview skills
  – Information sessions about international opportunities such as the Peace Corps
  – [http://career.ucsd.edu/calendar.html](http://career.ucsd.edu/calendar.html)

The United Nations offer a number of challenging (and prestigious!) opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in global affairs and development.


All internships are unpaid and are reserved for graduate students.

The UN Young Professionals Program (YPP) is the best option for college age applicants seeking entry into a career in international civil service.

The UN YPP is a competitive screening process meant to identify outstanding individuals around the globe. Successful applicants will receive a 2 year posting. Satisfactory completion of the initial posting leads to a career contract.

What does the UN look for in job/internship applicants?

**Teamwork**

At the United Nations, teamwork is essential. We work collectively towards a common goal and together we get the job done. As a team member you have to genuinely value other people’s ideas and expertise and be willing to learn from others. The team’s agenda comes before your own.

**Client Orientation**

We put all those we serve first and make sure that they feel valued. It is important to have productive relationships with people based on trust and respect. You have to listen to what they need and find appropriate solutions for them. The reward comes when you feel you have made a difference to those you serve.

**Creativity**

At the United Nations we actively work to improve our programmes and services. That means that we value new ideas and celebrate new ways of doing things. We are always looking for innovative solutions to solve problems and to improve the lives of those in need. There is room for creativity at the UN.

**Commitment to Continuous Learning**

There are many great workshops and programmes available for professional growth and development. The United Nations is committed to a process of continuous learning and encourages us to keep abreast of the latest trends in our respective areas of expertise. You never stop learning.
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Communication

At the United Nations good communication goes beyond merely disseminating information effectively in a written or verbal manner. It is also the ability to use good judgment in each situation, to tailor the tone and content so that a message is well understood. Effective communication includes listening to others and responding appropriately.

Planning and Organizing

Each department and office has a work plan that outlines what has to be accomplished and each unit and individual develops goals that support the Organization’s larger vision. You have to identify the priorities but also adjust them when needed. Time and resources have to be used efficiently and one has to allow for contingencies when planning.

Accountability

You have to take responsibility for your role in a larger project and for specific tasks. In honouring your commitment, you have to be mindful of the Organization’s regulations and rules, programme beneficiaries and Member States.

Technological Awareness

It is hard to keep up with the fast pace of technological change, but the Organization offers training as well as support and consistently presents opportunities to keep abreast of technological development.
• The United States Agency for International Development is responsible for implementing US foreign policy through developmental aid and assistance programs.

• As a part of USAID, employees provide economic and humanitarian assistance to address issues of poverty, hunger, injustice, disease, climate change, environmental degradation, and violent extremism.


• USAID offers an entry level Junior Officer program consisting of 6-18 months of training in Washington, D.C. followed by 2 years of rotational assignments. More information is available at: [http://www.usaid.gov/careers/nepanno2.html](http://www.usaid.gov/careers/nepanno2.html)
The Peace Corps

• 2 year placements in a wide variety of service areas in nearly every country in the developing world. [http://www.peacecorps.gov/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/)

• Perhaps the best (or at least most widely chosen) option for young people interested in a career in international development or who are trying to make up their mind after graduation and are looking for a challenge.

Other Opportunities

- A number of internship and job opportunities exist with more specialized NGO’s and aid organizations.
- Often these start as unpaid or volunteer positions, but may transition to paid employment.
Pure Water for the World works in remote and underserved regions of the developing world to promote and provide access to sustainable, safe, clean drinking water.

- PWW works with local governments and community partners to select and analyze appropriate technology for communities and implement cost effective projects.
- [http://purewaterfortheworld.org/volunteer-form.html](http://purewaterfortheworld.org/volunteer-form.html)
The Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group (AIDG) assists individuals and communities obtain affordable and environmentally sustainable access to electricity, sanitation, and clean water.

AIDG utilizes business incubation, education and outreach to connect communities with life-improving technology.

http://www.aidg.org/volunteer.htm
Innovations for Poverty Action is a nonprofit dedicated to discovering what works to help the world’s poor. IPA designs and evaluates programs in real contexts with real people and provides hands-on assistance to bring successful programs to scale.

- IPA utilizes randomly controlled trials to analyze and justify the results of its programs.
The Global Assets Project seeks to move individuals and communities from poverty to prosperity through traditional anti-poverty interventions such as health and education paired with programs for asset accumulation, entrepreneurship, and business development.

- Offers nearly a dozen summer internship positions. Application deadline is April 15th! [http://gap.newamerica.net/about/internships/summer2012](http://gap.newamerica.net/about/internships/summer2012)
Still looking? Try Idealist!

- If you still haven’t found a job or internship that appeals to you, try looking on http://www.idealist.org/ which is a clearinghouse/database for socially conscious jobs with non-profits, development groups and other likeminded organizations.
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Upcoming Event!
“So We Think We’re Helping?”

- On Thursday, April 26th from 7-10pm UCSD’s Global TIES program will host Cory Glazier, founder of SCHAP University, for a free workshop and info session titled “So We Think We Are Helping?”
- This workshop will draw on Cory’s years of experience implementing sustainable, participatory, and human-centered development programs throughout sub-Saharan Africa as he discusses the major problems built into the development industry – and what really works.
- Learn more about the event and register for the workshop at [http://www.schapuniversity.org/2012/04/06/so-we-think-were-helping/](http://www.schapuniversity.org/2012/04/06/so-we-think-were-helping/)
- Join our Facebook event and invite your friends! [https://www.facebook.com/events/128560413942169/](https://www.facebook.com/events/128560413942169/)