Chit-chat with Experienced SIGCers

8 experienced SIGCers consists of past interns and young graduates who will share insights, tips, and advice on how to choose an internship, make connection to study and career.
Bio

Ryan graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science in Psychology in 2021. Prior to studying in the University of Hong Kong (HKU), he went to a local community college to obtain a sub-degree qualification in Psychology focusing on guidance and counseling.

Ryan initially joined PathFinders Hong Kong as an intern through the Global Citizenship@Home (GC@Home) programme in the summer of 2021. One of his main duties was to support the caseworkers to provide direct assistance to migrant mothers and their children.

Upon completion of his internship and studies, Ryan officially joined PathFinders Hong Kong as a full-time caseworker. His duties include providing comfort, care and counseling to migrant mothers to help guide them through their crises, and to ensure their children receive a fair start in life.

Class of 2021
GC: PathFinders Limited
Bio

Marine studied a Bachelor of Social Sciences with a Major in Politics and Public Administration in HKU, and completed the FOSS BA+MA programme with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. She did her SIGC internship with an international NGO, World Vision, in northern Vietnam. She is currently working at ERM, a global sustainability consultancy, on social performance and human rights assessments as well as stakeholder engagement for international infrastructure projects.

Class of 2020
GC: GLoCal Projects (GLoCal Solutions (Vietnam) - Water & Sanitation)
Bio

Preston graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2018. Through the SI programme, he served as the UN Refugee Agency’s Protection Intern in the Hong Kong office for 8 months, where he assisted with Refugee Status Determination as well as socio-political monitoring of the refugee protection environment. He then visited the School of Diplomacy and Political Science at Yonsei University, Korea as an exchange student through the GC programme, where he studied international law and governance.

Following a year of corporate experience at Goldman Sachs upon graduation, Preston rejoined the refugee response sector at registered charity Justice Centre Hong Kong in October 2019. He currently serves as the Senior Advocacy and Communications Officer, responsible for research, system change and communications efforts in relation to refugee and migrant issues in Hong Kong. Across a wide range of topics from Access to Justice issues concerning Hong Kong’s equivalent of asylum screening mechanism, to the Government-mandated tenancy control on subdivided units concerning forced migrants, and to hate speech against minorities on social media, he has made submissions to and before various Government bureaus, Legislative Council committees and United Nations bodies.

Class of 2018
SI: UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
GC: Exchange at Yonsei University, South Korea
Bio

During her years as an undergraduate, Lea completed two internships as her SIGC experiences. The first internship was completed at Save the Children Hong Kong as a Domestic Team intern in her second year of study, while her GC@Home experience was at Branches of Hope as a STOP Team intern in the summer before graduation. Two were distinct but exciting experiences that led her to enter the NGO field after graduation.

Class of 2021
SI: Save the Children
GC: Branches of Hope
Bio

Stephanie is a student currently pursuing a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Hong Kong. She has been interned at the youth engagement team of UNICEF for her SIGC. She has been working as an assistant public education officer at World Vision upon graduation.

Class of 2020
SI: UNICEF

Ms Stephanie Yuen
Assistant Public Education Officer,
World Vision Hong Kong
Bio

Jonathan had his SI experience at the Financial Times, under the role of an FT Live Intern, between 2021 September and 2022 April. His work focused on events management under the operations, marketing, social, and content teams.

SI: Financial Times
Bio

Ricky is a current year 4 UG student majoring in psychology. He completed his SI internship at Inner Edge, Hong Kong’s only private consulting company that targets at sports and performance psychology, during semesters 1 and 2 in his Year 3 studies.

SI: Inner Edge
Bio

In the 2022 summer internship, Robbie worked at the Kwai Chung Centre of Principal Chan Free Tutorial World. It is a non-governmental organisation that aims to provide quality educational services to low-income families. As a Student Leader, Robbie organised a talent class that combined art and environmental education. He also collaborated with student interns from other universities to organise various activities, including a birthday party for young children, an outdoor orienteering activity in Tsing Yi Park, a Fun Day and a board game about financial knowledge. Moreover, he was engaged in face-to-face and virtual regional promotional activities for the centre.

SI: Principal Chan Free Tutorial World