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START Internships
A Solution to the Problem

**START's Mission:** To advance science-based knowledge about the human causes and consequences of terrorism as a leading resource for homeland security policymakers and practitioners.

**START's Vision:** START will provide homeland security policy-makers and practitioners with the highest quality, data-driven research findings on the human causes and consequences of terrorism in an effort to ensure that homeland security policies and operations reflect these understandings about human behaviors.

Mission and Vision Statement from http://www.start.umd.edu/start/about/overview/mission/
What is START?

- Department of Homeland Security Emeritus Center of Excellence
  - Not a federal agency
  - HQ’d at UMD
- Research Center with an education remit
  - The internships
START’s Education Mission

START Programs:
Undergraduate Programs
• Global Terrorism Minor
• Study Abroad & International Education
• Summer and Winter Courses
• Career Development Program (CRED, CVEF, CySeF)

Graduate Programs
• MPS in Security & Terrorism Studies
• Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis
• Study Abroad & International Education
• Summer and Winter Courses

Undergrad and Grad
• Internships
• Training
• Online courses (MOOC)

https://www.start.umd.edu/education/about-education
Program Overview

• Current program has been in place since Fall 2010.

• Internships are complimentary, but separate to our other education programs.

• Research focus.

• Emphasis on mentoring and building transferable skills.

• Three different internship types in one program.
Our Internships

- START Research Internships
- START Research Support Internships
- State/START Internship
Our Program

• All internships are administered through a centralized process from start to finish.
• One or two day orientation.
• Weekly enrichment activities.
• Evaluations 2 times per semester.
• Emphasis on mentorship and feedback.
• Assigned work schedules.
• School/Work/Life balance.
CURRENT PROJECTS

• State Department/START Project
• Understanding Domestic Radicalization
• Terrorism Event Data: GTD & T2V
  – Locations
  – Perpetrator Identification
  – Target Classification
  – Casualties & Outcomes
  – Weapons & Tactics

• Enrichment calendar
Why choose an internship at START?

• Experience working with a large team of dynamic and experienced researchers.
• Exposure to cutting edge theories and methods.
• Deepen your understanding of current issues in terrorism and homeland security.
• Work on projects of immediate interest to the practitioner and policy community.
• Hone and develop a range of transferable skills attractive to future employers.
• Opportunity to work with and meet other students and researchers with similar interests.
• Enrichment activities offering wide opportunities for learning and personal growth, schedule includes simulations, career presentations and research talks.
• Mentorship from START staff and researchers in a successful professional environment.
• Internships can be undertaken for academic credit.
Why do an Internship?

• Practical/real world Experience
• Build your resume
• Build and hone skill sets
• Demonstrate professional conduct
• Networking
• Mentorship
• Personal awareness and development
General requirements

• Applicants for all internships must:
• Have a good academic record.
• Demonstrate an interest in the subject matter.
• Agree to attend orientation and training.
• Submit an application by the deadline, all application packets must include:
  – A complete application for the correct semester,
  – One page resume,
  – Cover letter,
  – Writing sample,
  – Unofficial transcripts from most recent institution.
• Each project may have additional requirements, including minimum credit hours, preferred majors and compulsory meeting times. For specific requirements and information visit: https://www.start.umd.edu/careers/internships
Upcoming Virtual Info Sessions

• Thursday, October 21st, 3:00-4:00pm ET
• Wednesday, November 10th, 4:00-5:00pm ET

You can register for sessions via START’s Internship Webpage:
https://www.start.umd.edu/careers/internships
Questions?

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