Simply because it is another world from my point of view and the challenges are exciting. After failing to go to India and Egypt Internships through AIESEC due to economic reasons When I first heard of the AURA program, I knew right then it was my second chance for the abroad challenge I have been dreaming about.

I right think the time for a person to challenge one’s self and take risks is during the Learning years, specially in Highschool and Undergraduate schools. I was a top student at my first Highschool and to be honest I didn’t flatter myself about it. Instead I went to the biggest Highschool in Addis Ababa where the competition is the toughest only because I wanted a new challenge. I have been working on small internships here and there the past three years and I didn’t find the challenge I was looking for going to rural areas to go and do something challenging but there is political unrest in almost every place I wanted to go. Even though I like challenges and risks I was not planning risk my life if you know what I mean. This is the best chance for a student who likes to continuously challenge himself and grow in the process because it is capable of giving me a great experience and challenge while I learn the developing countries’ point of view.

I highly appreciate Michigan University for giving this kinds of chances to fellow Ethiopian students like me because it will have huge impact our life by introducing us to how things run in countries far away from ours and by doing so AURA could help me and other students to be able to see a broad horizon.

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I basically run everywhere in terms of work experience.

I started to help out Highschool girls who want to join Universities in computer related fields by serving as a volunteer Teacher for a company named UCodeGirl (A company from the USA) and I am planning to continue volunteering this semester too because I will have time to do so.

Other than that, I help students around my area to get a better grade and go to Universities since failing can be really bad in our current situation in Ethiopia.

Since I have to support myself money wise, I did freelance for small companies like developing websites for Restaurants and Scholarship Agencies. And I am the admin of two Business websites part time.

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I am glad this particular question is in the form because I love teaching.

I gave free lectures and demonstrations on technologies like RFID, VR, Drones and other cool technologies in order to make Highschool girls interested in Computer fields.

I volunteered as a guide by teaching how to be familiar around computers for the elderly.

I was a teaching assistant in when I was in Highschool to help students achieve good grades on National Examinations.

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I want to experience challenges as much as I can around the world by going to internships like this and studying Masters degree abroad. Then I want to work with different teams in different countries and make something useful in the challenges.

My ultimate long-term goal is to teach in Ethiopia about my experiences and how technology has the power to change us through our fight to drag our country from poverty. I am highly inspired by our teacher Mr. Yosef Debebe who started the School of Information Technology and Scientific Computing after going abroad and observing how things work in developed countries in terms of technology

I have all the skills that are required as a perquisite on the project that I selected.

Like:

* + Python
  + Java
  + C++
  + And Scripting along with a fundamental knowledge about computers and IT

As for the Desirable prerequisites I don’t have all the skills listed there like Machine Learning, but since they are not mandatory and I have about 5 months to prepare for AURA I think I will be okay and be fruitful working student in the programs.