

Internship Programme May - August 2024



### ABOUT CSF —

The Centre for Strategic Futures (CSF) is a think tank and foresight unit in the Strategy Group of the Prime Minister's Office. Our mission is to position the Singapore government well to successfully navigate emerging strategic challenges and harness potential opportunities in an evolving world.

As a futures think tank, CSF focuses on open-ended, longer-term futures research and blind spot areas. We seek to nudge Singapore's policy units to go beyond their pre-existing assumptions and think differently about the future. To do this, CSF frequently draws government agencies' attention to new ideas and builds futures-thinking capabilities.





The world that we live in does not unfold in a predictable and linear fashion. While we cannot predict how the future may play out, foresight allows us to exchange points of view across backgrounds and disciplines, challenge one another's assumptions and generate insights that can help us all make better decisions.

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Senior Advisor to CSF,
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#### OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



## Cutting-edge foresight and policy research

Play a key role in existing futures projects as a research assistant.



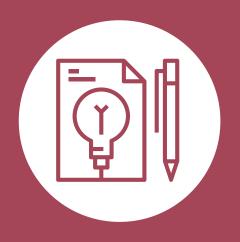
#### A diverse and exciting team

Work closely with our team of multidisciplinary foresight analysts.



# Exposure to strategic decision-making

Gain insight on governmental processes and policies.



#### Pioneer new research projects

Propose research projects and present your work to senior management.

Social Credit System

**Reinventing Networking** 

Token Economies on the Blockchain

New Economic Model

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# PAST INTERNSHIP PROJECTS

US-China Relations
Country Briefs
Gulf Pivots

Network States

Emerging Strategic Issues
Future of Mortality
Tech Foresight Scan

#### OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Singaporean citizens

University undergraduate Year 2 - 4\*

Full-time commitment for 12 weeks

Any field of study

Critical, rigorous and out of the box thinkers

Excellent writing, presentation and administrative skills

<sup>\*</sup>Please note CSF does not accept internship applications from students in their final semester of study

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Submit your CV and latest transcript via email

- Addressed to Inthira\_Mailvaganam@pmo.gov.sg and Fuad\_JOHARI@pmo.gov.sg
- Include the subject header: "CSF Internship 2024 (Name) (University) (Degree Course)"
- Indicate **preferred start and end dates** for the internship (over a period of 12 continuous weeks, full-time) and your **expected graduation date.**

#### 48 hour take home essay test

#### Face-to-face interview with CSF team members

#### Offer from Human Capital team at Strategy Group

Please note that upon selection, it may take up to 12 weeks for confirmation on admission into the programme.

Internship Period	Application Opens	Closing Date
May to August 2024	26 Feb 2024	8 March 2024

#### TESTIMONIALS

#### Rachel

Summer 2023 Intern
NUS Geography and Economics Undergraduate
University Scholars Programme

An internship that won't feel like an internship! At CSF, I've gotten to meet so many interesting people in and out of the office, from seasoned diplomats and policymakers to private sector leaders and intellectuals — and of course, the full-time staff and my fellow interns. If you are interested to explore domains outside your field of study and to understand strategic considerations in government, CSF will be right up your alley.



#### **Tammy**

Summer 2023 Intern NUS Business Analytics Undergraduate

It was an enriching experience to be able to work in CSF, in the centre of government. I was given the opportunity to practice skills outside my major while also being related to my field of work in the future. I definitely gained a priceless set of lenses that will serve me well further into the future. Collaborating with interns from various backgrounds helped me expand my knowledge in an array of fields, which I treasure deeply.

#### TESTIMONIALS

#### Jiajun

**Summer 2023 Intern** 

NTU English and Philosophy Undergraduate

Few research opportunities, if any, offer both breadth and depth; that is, both a colourful range of research areas from which to pick, and a focused and sustained analysis of social, cultural, and geo-political phenomena. This research, furthermore, is not a Crusoean effort. With the interns, permanent staff, academics, and thought leaders, thought-provoking conversations assist and advance the process from data collection to presentation. I am thus deeply indebted to CSF and all that each member has given to one another.



#### Kyla

Summer 2023 Intern

NTU Linguistics and Multilingual Studies Undergraduate Singapore Press Holdings Scholar

What a joy it was to be interning at CSF. This internship completely blew all reservations I had out of the water. It provided a unique research opportunity unlike any others, and an interesting insight to emerging societal and geopolitical issues. I was also blessed with countless opportunities to interact with the most fascinating individuals, gleaning different perspectives from these meaningful conversations. I am thankful to all staffers and interns for providing invaluable takeaways at CSF!

#### TESTIMONIALS

#### **Firdaus**

Summer 2022 Intern Yale-NUS Philosophy Undergraduate

Interning at CSF was a treat. I learnt more during my time here about emerging strategic issues and geopolitical realities than in any average academic semester. Part of this comes from the nature of Futures work, which is both challenging and meaningful. A big part also comes from working with such a diverse and competent team (especially the other interns!), whom I grew to respect and care for.



#### Yong Zhin

Summer 2022 Intern
NTU Sociology Undergraduate
Singapore Land Authority Scholar

Delving into many projects that were out of my normal fields of study showed me that so much more of the world exists outside my expertise. I learnt that I should read more widely and explore non-traditional information sources that can reveal deeper perspectives. Most importantly, I took away great friendships and connections from an awesome team!