

## **JOB DESCRIPTION - STREAM DESHPANDE FOUNDATION**

**Organization:** SFU India Connect Program - Entrepreneurship Co-op

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### **Program Description**

The SFU India Connect Program offers internships and co-op job opportunities that help students develop entrepreneurship and innovation related skills. There are two streams students can choose to participate in: Zone Startups and Deshpande Foundation.

### **For both "stream" options:**

Start dates can be for Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 (please indicate preference in cover letter)

**Duration:** 12 to 16 weeks

**Funding Award:** A one time funding support total of \$8000 (funding provided by the Asia Pacific Foundation (APF) of Canada Award, India Student Mobility Award, and SFU International Co-op Award).

**More information:** [www.sfu.ca/wil/india-connect-sfu/](http://www.sfu.ca/wil/india-connect-sfu/)

### **Job Description**

**Location:** Deshpande Center for Social Entrepreneurship, - Hubli, India

### **Organization Profile**

The Deshpande Foundation is one of the leading non-profit organizations in India and in the whole South East Asia region. Located in Northwest Karnataka, we empower local communities to innovate and lead social enterprises

### **Internship**

All participants will gain valuable insight into working with NGOs and creating sustainable solutions, as they will become part of an organization dedicated to tackling development issues and transforming the lives of people at the bottom of the socio-economic scale.

The host organization, Deshpande Foundation and its Hubli Sandbox, strives to create an effective ecosystem where entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainability really matter. Located in Northwest Karnataka in India, the Sandbox engages various organizations, as well as academics and entrepreneurs, in order to empower local communities and prepare both urban and rural youth to lead social enterprises.

Applying a 'bottom-up' approach to build scalable solutions, the Foundation gives young individuals all over the world the hands-on opportunity to exchange ideas and practices towards the creation of local grassroots-level entrepreneurs. Its GEP is designed to benefit both parties involved. It not only brings a powerful force and innovative solutions to the organization, but also offers an enriching experience for international students and young professionals. Successful candidates will be actively involved with the

chosen projects - taking part in meaningful work, performing challenging tasks and learning how to work under pressure.

**Educational background & experience required:**

This internship is ideal for SFU undergraduate (3rd or 4th year) or graduate students in business, computing science, applied science, arts, or communications degree programs. Prior work experience, volunteer roles and/or career path interest in the entrepreneurship, startup and technology business fields is a plus.

**Accommodations:**

Shared accommodations provided as well as a stipend.

**Application Process:**

Upload a copy of your resume, cover letter and transcript to myExperience or email to [icoop@sfu.ca](mailto:icoop@sfu.ca). Deadline for applications is **Wednesday, June 12th, 2019**. Please remember to indicate which "stream" option you are interested in being considered for (ie. Stream Zone Start Ups; Steam Deshpande Foundation; or both); and preferred start date.

In addition, please complete the **International Co-op Readiness Checklist** and send along with your application.