

## Business and Social Innovation in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

### Internship Details

**Internship Dates:** Late May - July

**Internship Description:** Today's Vietnam is undergoing some of the fastest socio-economic changes any country in the world has seen. It is a major development success story that has experienced remarkable rates of economic growth since the start of massive political and economic reforms called doi moi in 1986. It is now a middle-income country with a poverty rate of less than 10%, massive influx of foreign investment, and booming modern cities that swallow up many of the surrounding villages.

At the same time, the lure of modern living has a deep impact on the traditional networks of family and community that continue to play a pivotal role in Vietnamese society. More than half of the population of over 90 million is under the age of 26. Major developmental challenges have emerged, ranging from rapidly growing inequality to environmental degradation, depletion of natural resources, rapid urbanization and corruption. Especially in urban areas, the Vietnamese increasingly question the old Confucian principles upheld in what continues to be nominally a communist society. And women in particular struggle to redefine their place in a country that was traditionally driven by a strong patriarchal system that emphasized male leadership. Your internship will give you greater insight into these complex social issue as well as an understanding of how business is being used to address them. You can learn more about specific program details [here](#).

**Your Role:** Interns will be placed with a local host organization. Your placement will depend on your existing skills, strengths, and goals for learning. The placement is tailored specifically to the applicant. In your placement you will work alongside students from local universities also interning with the organization and assisting with translation. The internship will enable you to develop your professional skills and offers you a thorough cultural immersion in a unique country. In addition to the internship, you will participant in field sessions with interdisciplinary training and a weekly formal supervisory meeting.

### Living in Cambodia

**Location:** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**Overview:** Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city in Vietnam by population. It has grown to become the nation's economic, industrial, and cultural center. There is plenty to do in the city, but also time to travel on weekends.

**Accommodations:** Interns live with a host family. All interns have their own room and access to the bathroom and kitchen for cooking and storing food. All host families are located in a safe neighborhood in proximity to a grocery store and public transportation. Families speak various amounts of English and interns are not expected to have Vietnamese language skills.

### Cost

**Program Cost:** \$3,580

#### **Included:**

- Lodging in Vietnam with a host family
- Daily breakfast and up to five dinners per week
- Project related expenses
- In-country volunteer support
- Pre-departure and in-country orientation and mentorship

#### **Covered By KISI:**

- Travel Insurance

#### **Additional:**

- Airline ticket (~\$1,800)
- Daily travel to/from internship (~\$6/day)
- Trips/activities/personal expenses