ISCB Student Council
The internship initiative

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Who are we?

The Student Council

- Internship and Education
- Career Central
- Outreach and Volunteer
- Regional Student Group
- Art and Science
- Web
- Finance
- SCS, ESCS
- Publications

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Eastern Africa, Europe, France, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands, Northern Africa, Ohio, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Taiwan, Western Africa.
The Internship Initiative
What is it?

- An initiative for students from developing nations
- Supplements formal education
- Opportunity to work with experienced researchers
How does it work?

- If a Principal Investigator (PI) has an open position that he/she would like to offer to a student from a developing nation, he/she may engage the Student Council to help.

- The SC uses its extensive Regional Student Group (RSG) network to advertise the position to students in developing nations.

- Several volunteers of the SC then screen the applications and shortlist candidates based on provided criteria.

- The top three candidates are provided to the PI who may then select a student.
Who benefits?

* Since 2009, the program has filled six internship positions, supporting students from Brazil (3), Kenya (1), India (1), and Estonia (1) to be placed in research groups from Europe, and Australia.
Testimonials from students

“The acquired knowledge helped me in how to present my work, asking new questions and designing new projects.” - Mohd Rehan

“The academic community in the research group and university created a very stimulating, inspiring environment.” - Dedan Githae

“I was able to use the skills I had learned in the next project that I started working on” - Kaur Alasoo

“It was great to meet another culture, country structure and differences between Brazil and Germany.” - Miriam Nunes

“Collaborative projects and exchange of intellectual and professional expertise through internship programs not only open great opportunities but also increase chances of success in various projects as a result.” - Dedan Githae
What can you do?

* If you are a PI: You can volunteer to offer an internship together with the ISCB-SC!

* If you are a student: You can apply for a position and/or help the committee as a volunteer.

* If you are a nice enterprise: You can support this program with fellowships and grants!
Acknowledgments

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Contact us!

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Thank you