



South Asia & Near East Defense and Security Internship – Fall 2017

The Center for Strategic Research (CSR) at the [Institute for National Strategic Studies \(INSS\)](#) at [National Defense University \(NDU\)](#) is seeking a U.S. citizen intern to join its South Asia and Near East Team.

The selected Intern will work closely with Distinguished Research Fellow, Dr. Thomas F. Lynch III (Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired) on research projects focused on South Asia and Near East defense and security issues.

Past research projects have included: nuclear proliferation and crisis stability in South Asia; the past and future trajectory of radicalization in Pakistan; the death of bin-Laden's al-Qaeda and implications for South Asian security; and Indo-Pakistani concerns and choices in Afghanistan post-2014. On-going research includes: mapping and assessing major defense and security interactions between the key states of South Asia and the Middle East; understanding India's approach to counterinsurgency; considering climate change and security in South Asia; understanding India's border tensions and security issues with China, and describing India's definition of strategic partnerships and implications for U.S. security policy.

Intern will assist with these and other projects, to include assistance with event preparation and execution for conferences and workshops attended by U.S. and foreign government officials (including diplomatic corps and military personnel), academia, and think-tanks. Intern will also have the opportunity to interact with regional and Washington D.C.- based academic institutions and think-tanks focused on South Asia and the Near East.

Academic background (past or present) and/or work experience in South Asian and Middle Eastern affairs, study and/or work abroad in these regions is preferred. Arabic, Hindi or Urdu language familiarity is a plus. U.S. citizenship is required.

INSS is a collection of Department of Defense research centers established in 1984. The mission of the Institute is to conduct research in support of the academic and leader development programs at NDU, and to provide strategic support to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Unified Combatant Commands.

To apply for this unpaid position, please send a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample (2-3 pages), addressed to the INSS Dean of Administration and Chief of Staff, also serving as the Internship Program Coordinator, Mr. Donald Mosser, at INSS_Intern_Program@ndu.edu. General questions may also be directed to Mr. Mosser at 202-685-3844 or Mr. Brett Swaney at 202-685-2335.

Application Deadline: July 30, 2017 (applications reviewed on a rolling basis).

Approximate Start Date: September 6, 2017 (flexible)

Approximate End Date: December 30, 2017 (flexible)