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CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Greetings from CIPE,

It's hard to believe how quickly the semester has gone by and that we're approaching the end of the academic year. What an end of term it's been. With the completion of the first capstones, the normally packed calendar that comes at the end of every semester was even more full and enriching with presentations of the work seniors have done over the course of this year.

Still, as we draw close to the summer recess, CIPE has activities, opportunities and information that you will want to know about. Any students who are participating in a CIPE sponsored program in the summer or study abroad next semester are required to attend the pre-departure orientation at 9am in the Performance Hall on April 19th. One of the topics discussed will be insurance coverage. If you are going on a non-CIPE program or internship abroad, and want to be considered for the NUS blanket insurance coverage, you need to submit your plans to CIPE, which will review them and let you know if you are eligible. If you plan to apply for this insurance, you also need to attend the pre-departure briefing. Please see below for more details about how to obtain this type of coverage.

What comes next after this term is something on many of your minds. If you are still interested in a summer opportunity, there remain good and interesting offerings in Symplicity, so take a look if you haven't logged in recently. And if nothing there grabs your attention, make an appointment with a member of the CIPE team to talk about a strategy to find your own opportunity.

For our graduating seniors, every week brings more clarity to your post Yale-NUS trajectories. Some have plans settled, others are just getting started. If you are beginning your job search now that capstones are finished, we at CIPE would say two things. The first is: now is the time to work with CIPE to activate or redouble your search activities. The second is: don't panic. If other institutions are a guide, many will find jobs in the next three

months. At Yale, for example, the *first destination survey* reveals that almost half of seniors looking for jobs find them between March and July, especially at small and mid-sized firms.

We will be doing our own first destination survey, which is typical of our peer institutions and in the coming weeks, we will be talking to seniors about that. Meanwhile, though, the end of the year survey for all students and the senior exit survey is out from the Office of Institutional Affairs so please do respond to those.

Finally, as we look ahead to next academic year and beyond, some of you will want start thinking about opportunities like fellowships and graduate school. These kinds of applications take a good amount of planning. Upcoming events like the personal statement workshop or the informational session for the WISE Learner fellowship can help you focus your goals and how to best communicate them.

Cheers,
Trisha Craig
Dean of CIPE

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

CIPE Summer Pre-departure Orientation

Students participating in a CIPE sponsored activity this summer are required to attend the Pre-departure Orientation on **Wednesday, 19 April**. We will be covering important details from safety and health insurance concerns to responsibilities we expect from you as representatives of the Yale-NUS community, to program-specific information. Engaging with past summer participants on these issues helped us collectively get through emergencies from appendicitis and other student health issues, to military coups, missed flights, and lost passports. More importantly, International SOS will be on hand to share a new feature on the mobile app which will send critical updates to you during times of emergency. **Please come with the International SOS app downloaded (use your full passport name, Yale-NUS email address and Yale-NUS membership number 02AYCA085883 to create your profile) to facilitate the live simulation.**

For all of these reasons, **attendance at Pre-departure Orientation is mandatory to securing your spot in your program**. Students who are currently abroad or who believe they have a valid excuse to not attend (a rare occurrence) should get in contact with their CIPE program manager to discuss alternative arrangements. Those of you embarking on non-CIPE related travel may also find some of this information essential and are encouraged to join us for this orientation.

The CIPE Summer Orientation Schedule and an important brief on visas, vaccinations, and insurance has been sent to you separately. **Please read both documents before orientation and come prepared with any questions you may have.** All students going on CIPE summer programs will have to sign one or more indemnity forms, depending on your age and travel plans outside of the CIPE summer program.

Date: Wednesday, 19 April 2017

Time: 9:00AM to 12:30PM (Mandatory session) / 1:30PM onwards (Specialised sessions)

Venue: Performance Hall / Various rooms

NUS Blanket Insurance Coverage for Students on Non-CIPE Summer Programs

Are you a student participating in a non-CIPE program abroad this summer who wants to be covered by the NUS blanket insurance? Please fill out a short form letting CIPE know what you will be doing and where. We will review your submission and notify you of your eligibility. The form can be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/CsAiHYSfXF5WdEt12>. **Please submit your response by Sunday, 23 April at 11:59pm.** If you wish to be covered by the NUS blanket insurance, note that attendance at the CIPE Summer Pre-Departure Orientation on 19 April from 9-12:30 is mandatory.

Information about the NUS blanket insurance coverage is [HERE](#). It is your responsibility to understand the terms of this coverage and to purchase additional coverage if necessary. Take note especially of the limit of 61 days of non-program time outside of Singapore.

Ready for the Workplace? CIPE Pre-Departure Orientation

How does business writing differ from academic writing? How should I participate in meetings when I'm the youngest person in the room? Are there any professional etiquette items I should note before starting on Day 1? How can I make an impact with my manager or team to get the most out of an internship?

Transitioning from the classroom to the workplace isn't intuitive, but something you can prepare for. Join us for one of two sessions on 19 or 20 April, to prepare for your upcoming internship or job. You'll pick up some pointers for communication and etiquette, but most of all have the opportunity to practice in this interactive session. All students pursuing an internship this summer are required to attend one of two sessions. Please [RSVP](#) for ONE session that you can attend in entirety. Dinner will be provided, but each session is limited to 50 pax on a first-come first serve basis.

Date: 19 or 20 April 2017

Time: 4:00PM to 9:00PM (includes break for dinner)

Venue: Classroom 15

Note: If you are participating in a CIPE-coordinated or CIPE-funded internship this summer but unable to attend the sessions on 19/20 April because you are STUDYING ABROAD, please [register](#) for the "Alternative Option for Students Abroad" through Symplicity. We will send you electronic copies of materials that require your attention.

Topics covered include:

- Communication skills: Business writing & email etiquette
- Participating in meetings
- Making introductions, manners, and attitude
- Working effectively with your manager and seniors

Student Associate Program Changes

From 1 May 2017, the Student Associate Program (SAP) will transition to three fixed pay rates (\$9, \$12, and \$20/hr), an updated timesheet and decentralized operations, where job posting, hiring, and payment claim processing will be managed by individual hiring departments rather than CIPE.

From 1 June 2017, all Student Associate payment claims must use the updated timesheet, which will be emailed to all students and uploaded on the Student Associate Program page.

From July 2017, all Student Associate positions will be posted on Symplicity.

From January 2018, the three fixed pay rates will be expanded to three pay rate bands (more information will be available during the summer break).

Behavioural Exchange 2017 conference

Civil Service College (CSC) will be organising the Behavioural Exchange 2017 conference from 29 – 30 June. To encourage more active participation from the BI research and practitioners community, CSC will be giving out the **Practitioner's Award**. This award is to recognise original and effective application of behavioural insights (BI) to any 3 of the policy challenges submitted by Singapore government agencies:

1. How can we get more young adults to be physically active?
2. Can over-leveraged borrowers be nudged to take action and prevent credit suspension?
3. How can BI be used to prevent people from falling prey to internet love scams?

Check out www.bx2017.org/practitioners-award for more details. This is a pen and paper exercise, and would not require participants to conduct extensive fieldwork. We would like to encourage students to participate, and contribute their ideas to public policy.

The deadline for the Practitioner's Award has now been extended to 28 April 2017! Each winning entry will receive a **FREE** ticket to the Behavioural Exchange 2017.

2017 Tsinghua-Santander World Challenges of the 21st Century Program

Have an idea for sustainability? Consider entering this competition organized by Tsinghua University, supported by Santander Universities and with the collaboration of Intel Corporation.

Globalization in the 21st Century has enabled even more rapid flows of capital, technology and information around the world and is creating a closely related global village. At the same time, a global vision to address world challenges has facilitated the increase of cross-border, interdisciplinary and cross-culture collaboration. "Tsinghua-Santander World Challenges of the 21st Century Program" is designed for talented young change makers who want to create real impact on important issues that the world is facing today. The winners will be able to develop their social innovation solutions at the Tsinghua University iCenter in Beijing.

Rules of the Competition:

Theme of the competition: "Innovation makes the world better: URBAN SUSTAINABILITY".

Challenge: Present innovative solutions in Environmental Protection, Education, Energy, Health and Urban Culture, in the form of products and services prototypes, highlighting technologies on mobile Internet, wearable computing, robotics, AI and other open source hardware.

Participants: Teams of 2 to 4 postgraduate and undergraduate students

Deadlines:

PHASE 1. Submission of initial proposal. Participants submit their initial online application and proposals (www.thu-san-world-challenges.org). **Deadline for proposals: This Saturday, 15 April 2017**

PHASE 2. Selection of the finalists. Six to eight teams are selected to further develop their proposals and products in Beijing, China. **Deadline: Wednesday, 10 May 2017**

PHASE 3. Final competition & Workshop in Beijing. Finalists complete their products with guidance from multidisciplinary experts during a workshop at Tsinghua University in Beijing iCenter, China, and eventually pitch their ideas and products to the jury in the forms of exhibition and presentation. **Workshop at Tsinghua University: 31 July – 11 August, 2017**

Prizes: Round-trip to China and accommodation during the workshop.

Judging Criteria: Creativity & innovation - Social impact – Technology – Presentation – Business potentiality to take the idea forward

Jury: Experts from industry and academia in the area of technology, design, business and social development will serve on the jury. Tsinghua University, Banco Santander, Intel Corporation, Daimler and SIEMENS will be at the jury.

More info: www.thu-san-world-challenges.org Flyer and application form are attached.

Applications to WISE Learners' Voice: Informational Dinner April 20th

Application Due: Tuesday, 2 May 2017

WISE Learners' Voice is an initiative funded by the Qatar Foundation that funds leaders aged 21-30 interested in pushing forward innovative ideas in educational interventions. This year's theme is "Global Forced Migration and Displacement Crisis." Individuals interested in applying can submit their application [here](#). Please note that the application requires two endorsements from professional referees. Selected scholars will take place in a year long dialogue with other WISE Learners' Voice participants, with two fully funded residencies taking place in March and June of 2018. For those looking for feedback on an application draft, please schedule a meeting with Charlotte at charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg. **Dean Craig will be hosting a dinner at her home with former WISE Learners' Voice participant A'qilah Saier on Thursday, 20 April at 7:00PM.** Spaces are limited. For those interested in attending, please email Charlotte to reserve a place. This dinner is strongly recommended to those planning to apply.

Fund Raising Flag Day-Volunteers Wanted!

The Kampung Senang Charity and Education Foundation is looking for volunteers to participate in a Values in Action (VIA) learning experience that supports students' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge and skills. All donations contribute to beneficiaries, Charity and Education Projects shown on: <http://kampungsenang.org/>

Email: volunteer-network@kampungsenang.org for further enquiries.

Registration can be done online at: <http://kampungsenang.org/flagdayvolunteer/>

Date: Saturday, 13 May 2017

Reporting Centres are:

Blk 106 Aljunied Crescent
Kovan MRT station
Tampines MRT station
Waterloo Street and other MRT stations

Available shifts are:

Shift 1 - 7.30am to 1.30pm
Shift 2 - 12.30pm to 6.30pm
Shift 3 - 3.00pm to 7.00pm

FOR CLASS OF 2018:

Are you applying for Graduate School next semester?

Before this semester ends, sign up for an advising appointment with Zhana Sandeva [HERE](#) to discuss your plans and map out the application process in advance (including standardized tests, application requirements, personal statement). If you are interested in business school, US medical school or US law school, contact Nilanjana Pal at nilanjana.pal@yale-nus.edu.sg.

FOR CLASS OF 2017 - 2018:

Writing in the Disciplines: Fellowships Personal Statements Workshop

For those considering an application this cycle to a postgraduate fellowship (in particular the Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Knight-Hennessy, Schwarzman, and Yenching), this session will walk students through strong applications and ways to enhance their personal statement writing during the drafting process. This session is co-led by the Writers' Centre and CIPE and will be held in the Writers' Centre. **RSVP required in Symplicity.**

Date: Thursday, 20 April 2017

Time: 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Venue: Writers' Centre

FOR CLASS OF 2018 - 2019:

Student External Presentation Award

If you would like to present your work at an academic conference or similar event, consider applying for [SEPA funding](#). **The application deadline is 20 April, 2017.** Contact your Vice Rector for further questions.

FOR CLASS OF 2018 - 2020:

Self-Sourced Internship Funding: Round 3 open until 23 April!

Have you recently secured an internship on your own? While CIPE-coordinated internships span a wide range of fields, we invite and support student-sourced internships which may be better aligned with individual interests. **Applications for Round 3 will be accepted until 23 April 11:59pm SGT, on a rolling basis.** For more information, please visit our website at www.bit.ly/CIPE-SSIF or contact Nayoung Won at nayoung.won@yale-nus.edu.sg.

ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:

Job Opportunities

New Student Associate roles are available in chemistry research, philosophy major support, environmental sustainability for the Infrastructure department, and creating Comparative Social Inquiry teaching materials! Other positions involve research in astronomy, computational biology, ecological modelling and psychology, as well as with the Environmental Leadership and Training

Initiative (ELTI). For more information, visit [the Student Associate Program page](#).

OFF-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:

The Asian Scientist Writing Prize

Co-organized by Science Centre Singapore and Asian Scientist Magazine, they seek to find the best science writing from Asia. **By May 31, 2017, submit a non-fiction entry** between 1,000-1,500 words covering any scientific discipline, and stand the chance to win up to S\$5,000. Find out more at [THIS LINK](#).

WHAT WE'RE READING:

This week as we reflect on where the College is today and our first graduating class, we're reading *Making the Most out of College: Students Speak their Minds* (Harvard University Press) by Harvard professor Richard Light. It is based on his ten years of interviewing Harvard seniors before they graduate and looks at what students found the most valuable about their four years, what kinds of experiences really made a difference to their education, what they found hard, how they formed friendships. It's well worth reading and if you find yourself wanting to talk about these questions, let us know at CIPE; we'd love to hear your stories.

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