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**CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
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Greetings from CIPE,

We have made it to the end of the semester and we commend you all on a job well done. This is our last newsletter of the term and although we know you are deep in the process of finishing papers and studying for exams, there are some things in here you'll want to take a look at before you leave for the break. There are some deadlines coming up: see below for info about Spring LABs as well as some interesting external programs around social and environmental entrepreneurship.

Break is a time for recharging, spending time with family and friends and we hope you take advantage of the time to relax, unwind and reconnect with people or activities that are important to you. If you have time, there are a few things that will come up early next semester and you might want to think about them over break. For the Class of 2017, we will be sending out an email next week about how to think about connecting your skills, academic interests and values to careers (not jobs) and about ways you can plan for the experiences and skills needed to make a positive impact in the world. For the Class of 2018, applications for the first round of grants for self-sourced summer internships will be due in January and if this is of interest, the calm of break could be a good time to look into organisations you would be interested in. Students interested in STEM-related research this summer should look below for information on summer fellowship opportunities. While not due until late January or early February, the applications often involve securing a letter of invitation from a lab abroad so getting started early is highly recommended.

We want to mention one talk that will take place on January 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the first day of classes. Val Smith, the president of Swarthmore College will be on campus and the President's Office is sponsoring a conversation with her. Besides being one of the best small liberal arts colleges in the world, Swarthmore and its alums have a long history of social activism and work focused on changing the world. Many of you are not just interested in that personally but wonder how an institution can promote that. This is a great opportunity to have that conversation and we hope you will join us.

Finally, thank you all for a wonderful semester. We hope you have a great break and are looking forward to seeing you back again in the new year.

Cheers,  
Trisha Craig  
Dean of CIPE

## **FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

### **Apply Today: GenerationGR3EN Workshop in Brunei!**

#### **Deadline Thursday, 24 November 2016**

Are you interested in learning more about developing your own green business proposal for an ecotourism venture? YSEALI (Young South East Asian Leadership Initiative) will be holding a workshop in Brunei Darussalam for 50 delegates February 25-28, 2017. Applications are due November 24, 2016 via [this link](#). Please note you must be a citizen of an ASEAN country and must [pre-register as a YSEALI member](#) before applying. Applicants must also be 20-35 years old, although 18-19 year olds with significant previous related experience can also consider an application. Flights, accommodation, and a per diem are covered by the US Embassy. If you are considering an application and would like to set up an advising appointment to discuss your personal statements, please email Charlotte to set up a time for a conversation at [charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg).

### **Spring LABs**

Spring LABs are opening for applications in the coming week – look out for them! These LABs take place in the Semester 2 Break (end-February) and are open to students from all classes and disciplines. Information on the offered LABs can be found at <http://cipe.yale-nus.edu.sg/co-curricular-programs/labs/> when applications are open. The deadline for submitting applications is on **Wednesday, 30 November at 5:00PM**. Questions unanswered by the website can be directed to Nikolai Kapustin ([nikolai.kapustin@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:nikolai.kapustin@yale-nus.edu.sg)) or Adelle Lim ([adelle.lim@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:adelle.lim@yale-nus.edu.sg)).

### **Social Startup Challenge 2017**

Social Startup Challenge is looking for committed teams who have a viable business proposition and compelling social objective. A series of visits, workshops and panel sessions will run from 2 to 15 January, and participants eventually pitch their best ideas to major industry players and earn seed funding for their social start-up. As part of their social objectives, teams must target the following beneficiaries: persons with physical disabilities or intellectual disabilities.

More info can be retrieved via the info sheet [here](#). Application forms can be retrieved [here](#), and are due **Tuesday, 20 December 2016**.

### **A Conversation with Val Smith, President of Swarthmore College**

Sponsored by the President's Office

Join us for a conversation with Val Smith, the 15th President of Swarthmore College. A distinguished scholar of African American literature, Dr. Smith has three decades of experience in the classroom and academic leadership. Come hear her discuss what it's like to lead one of the world's top small liberal arts colleges, Swarthmore's traditions of social justice, and her views on the role of liberal arts education in a globalized world.

Refreshments served.

**Please RSVP on [Simplicity](#) by 04 January 2017.**

Date: Monday, 09 January 2017

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Venue: Elm Student Commons

### **Summer 2017 Research Fellowships**

Interested in delving into research in an intensive summer fellowship opportunity? Be sure to take a look at

CIPE's website [here](#) for more information on the current external opportunities, eligibility, award descriptions, and application deadlines. Highlighted below are four external STEM related undergraduate research fellowships:

**Amgen Scholars** – [This program](#) is a fully funded opportunity at the University of Tokyo for undergraduates in good academic standing in the fields of biotechnology and the sciences. [Application deadline: Feb 1, 2017](#)

**Caltech Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship** – A US\$6,000 [scholarship](#) for a ten-week program at Caltech to introduce students to research in science, technology, engineering, and math. [Application deadline: Feb 22, 2017 \(tentative – yet to be confirmed\)](#)

**Rockefeller University's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program** – A US\$4,000 [award](#) and free housing allowance for a ten-week program in New York City's Rockefeller University for college sophomores and juniors interested in the life and physical sciences. [Application deadline: Feb 1, 2017 \(tentative – yet to be confirmed\)](#)

**Singapore-MIT Undergraduate Research Fellowship** – A [paid research opportunity](#) at the SMART Headquarters on NUS' campus for undergraduates interested in everything from infectious diseases to future urban mobility. [Application deadline: Jan 27, 2017](#)

Want to set up an advising session to discuss program fit or review a personal statement draft? Email Charlotte at [charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg).

### Thinking About Your Career Interests

The vacation break is an excellent time to think back on your semester to re-assess your interests and update your resume. Check out the [Career Resources Portal](#) for guidance, and look out for Resume/Cover Letter Workshops and Rapid Resume Reviews in January! If you'd like feedback on your resume during the break, you can email your CIPE Advisor or the Career Services team.

### Questions about Internships

Thanks to the SAC which aggregated questions from the student body, we've received a number of queries about internships recently. Below are some of our responses. For the full list of FAQ's, be sure to check out [our website!](#)

- **Is Symplicity an internship aggregator or simply a platform for posting Yale-NUS internships?** Both. There are partners that would like CIPE to collate all the applications on their behalf while others will want all applications to be done at their own portals. In the case of the latter, CIPE will still post these in Symplicity for 2 reasons - 1. Create awareness of these internships and 2. Encourage students to seek CIPE's support to review the application materials first before they actually apply.
- **What has happened to the internship partners announced at the college's inauguration?** The internship partner relationships established at the start of the college have evolved over time, as many partners have implemented new internal policies or undergone organizational restructuring. We understand that these changes have impacted their original commitments to us, and have hence been building relationships with many more leading organisations in Singapore, the region, and the world. CIPE works with students to prepare for the competitive applications process and to navigate complexities involved with recruiting processes.
- **Is there a difference b/w a Yale-NUS internship and an NUS internship?** Yale-NUS internship opportunities are cultivated by CIPE after conversations with the employer assessing fit and suitability. Internships publicised by the NUS Centre for Future Ready Graduates (CFG) cater

to a much wider spectrum of the student body and are often designated by faculties and/or degree programmes. Students are welcome to apply to internships offered by NUS with CIPE's support, but will be competing with a much larger pool of students.

- **Why do some internship applications go through a filtering process by CIPE? (Is there a quota that the employer sets?).** CIPE works with Yale-NUS students to help strengthen application materials for competitive processes. On some occasions, selected employers have requested that CIPE be involved in the selection process. For most internship positions our application numbers are small, so we are encouraging our partners to screen all submissions.

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## **FOR CLASS OF 2017:**

### **Graduate School Applicants**

If you are applying to grad school this year or early in the new year, you should already be contacting your **recommenders**, writing your **personal statement** and seeking **feedback** on it from as many relevant faculty and advisors as possible. Don't forget to get your **transcripts** in order too, before College staff begin to take holiday leave. Continue to work with CIPE to get personal statement feedback and discuss next steps after you've submitted your application. One very important next step is identifying and securing **alternative options** – many of you want to weigh your options between grad school and a job, so while waiting to hear about your grad school application, think about your strategy for applying for jobs that align with your interests.

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## **FOR CLASS OF 2018:**

### **Self-Sourced Internship Funding**

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. CIPE will provide funding on a highly competitive basis to a limited number of self-sourced internships. For more information, please visit our website at [www.bit.ly/CIPE-SSIF](http://www.bit.ly/CIPE-SSIF). Applications for penultimate year students are due in January.

### **Class of 2018 Survey Winners**

Thank you to all of you who submitted your responses to the [Class of 2018 Survey](#). Your feedback is truly appreciated and will help us improve CIPE offerings. There were a few majors that had every member fill out the survey. Because we value the time and effort that went into coordinating between group members, we have decided to give a Gong Cha Bubble Tea Party to all these groups. The groups are Economics, Life Sciences, Arts & Humanities, and the DDP majors. Congratulations to those majors and again, thank you to everyone for your helpful responses.

### **Looking for a Summer Internship?**

Internships are great experiential learning opportunities to explore your professional and academic interests. While students are encouraged to search for opportunities on their own, CIPE will also be coordinating some internships with employers who are seeking student interns for 8-12 weeks over the summer. All CIPE-coordinated internships will be posted online in [Symplicity](#), with the first wave of applications due in early February 2017. What you see now in Symplicity represents a limited number of organisations that have already begun recruiting.

## **ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Job Opportunities**

The latest Student Associate positions include roles in political theory and political philosophy research, videography, chemistry, ecological modelling and Chinese-language newspaper reading for humanities research. For more info, visit [the Student Associate Program page](#).

## **OFF-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Art Stage Singapore 2017 Volunteer Programme**

The fair's seventh edition returns with a bold new vision for contemporary art from the region and will present a diverse range of carefully selected galleries from across Asia and the world, encouraging exchange and dialogue about contemporary art and driving interest in and understanding of Southeast Asian contemporary art. The event will be held at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre Level B2, Halls D,E, F from **12 to 15 January 2017**.

**The Art Stage Singapore Volunteer Programme** is for any student who is passionate about arts and design and wishes to experience the behind-the-scenes of an art event and the operations of building the fair. For more information on the program and how to apply, see the attached documents.

## **WHAT WE'RE READING:**

All of us at CIPE are looking forward to a bit more free time over break to catch up on the novels, books, magazines and newspapers that are piled up on our desks and beside our beds. We hope you do the same. And if there is something that you read that you just love, tell us – we are always looking for new things to read.

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