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## CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Greetings from CIPE,

Looking through this fortnight's calendar of CIPE events, I'm struck by the range of opportunities presented. Many Yale-NUS students are interested in social impact opportunities; the 80,000 Hours event on March 15<sup>th</sup> that discusses creating a career path that meaningful and impactful will resonate with many. If social enterprise is your goal, think about applying for the Chasm Challenge that will pair you with poverty-fighting organisations to create a funding pitch, something many impact organisations need period.

The ubiquity and importance of data is one of the hallmarks of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Two interesting upcoming events give you insight into the many uses of data: on March 15<sup>th</sup>, join a Yale alum and team from software firm [Palantir](#) to hear how they use data to combat human trafficking, child exploitation and financial crimes. Then on the 18<sup>th</sup>, an all-day hackathon will show you how to work with analyze and visualize data, skills that are useful across a wide range of fields.

Also, take a look at some of the specialized grants on offer. Students whose work focuses on the environment and nature may be interested in the National Geographic early career grant program, while those with a comparative interest in Asian and European pluralism should look at the EU Centre's summer grant. As with any grant, CIPE is happy to help students prepare the best application possible.

For students interested in summer opportunities, there are still internships being posted in Symplicity so do check if you are looking. CIPE is happy that we are able to offer so much for our students in the way of opportunities, whether for work, research, study or travel. But we encourage you not to see this as all there is and to actively pursue your own leads and opportunities; we are there to help you with practical advice about how to do that.

On a related note, we are often asked how CIPE decides the outcomes of its various grants

and programs. The first point to highlight is that all of CIPE's programs are highly competitive and receive more applications than there can be recipients. Each program has a committee made up of CIPE staff and often faculty members. Committees are generally unaware of what else students are currently applying for or have applied for in the past. Thus, having been turned down for a CIPE opportunity in the past or requesting financial assistance is *never* a disqualifying or prejudicial condition when a student is being currently considered. Every CIPE competition spells out the selection criteria and these plus any letters of recommendation are what committee members use when evaluating applications. Students are encouraged to speak with their CIPE advisors or CIPE staff members who work on particular programs about their applications before submitting them. When students are not awarded something for which they have applied, we encourage them to come in and talk about their application so that they can submit a stronger one in subsequent rounds.

Cheers,  
Trisha Craig  
Dean of CIPE

## **FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

### **A Social Entrepreneurship Dialogue and Sharing**

Learn more about social entrepreneurship and how you can get involved in this dialogue and sharing session, jointly organized by Enactus NUS and NUS Enterprise, that will feature HKU lecturer David Bishop and local entrepreneur Lee Junxian. Sign up here: <http://www.tinyurl.com/enactusnustalk01>.

#### More about the speakers:

**David Bishop** – Hong Kong University (School of Business) lecturer David Bishop focuses on the “good guy” elements of business: law, ethics and social entrepreneurship. He is passionate about equipping students with moral and legal foundations for their lives, and does so through 3 social ventures that recycle soap, provide fair employment to domestic helpers, and raise funds for early-stage social ventures.

**Lee Junxian** – Two-time entrepreneur Lee Junxian (NUS BBA '08) co-founded cybersecurity firm Cashshield and investment crowdfunding network Fundnel. He was deeply inspired by his student experiences as part of the first batch of Enactus NUS (then CASE), and co-founder of the well-loved Reedz Café. He actively gives back to campus as a committee member of the NUS Business School Alumni Association.

Date: Friday, 10 March 2017

Time: 2:00PM to 4:00PM

Venue: The Hangar @ NUS Enterprise (21 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119613)

### **Big Data Analysis: An Interactive Session with Palantir Engineers**

How can we use data and technology to solve hard problems and change the world for the better? Palantir builds sophisticated data integration and analysis software, and partners with government agencies, commercial institutions, and non-profit organizations to transform how they use data and technology. With Palantir technologies, investigators are uncovering human trafficking rings, finding exploited children, and unraveling complex financial crimes. Join us on 15 March (2:30-4:00PM) to experience data analytics by hearing from Palantir's engineers and engaging in an interactive exercise that mimics their actual work!

One of the guests will be Mr. Han Xu, who joined the Palantir team at the beginning of 2015 as a Deployed Computation Engineer based in London, and is currently a technical lead in the Singapore office. In his time at Palantir, he's primarily worked on analytical products for trading and finance. He began his career at the Financial Times in Beijing as a researcher writing on China's capital intensive industries. Following that, he joined JPMorgan in Hong Kong as an investment analyst developing strategies for global multi-asset portfolios. He graduated from Yale University with a degree in Ethics, Politics, and Economics.

Students of all years and majors are welcome to attend. Please RSVP in [Simplicity](#).

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Time: 2:30PM to 4:00PM

Venue: Classroom 15

### **80,000 Hours: Finding a Career with Impact**

There are 80,000 hours in an average person's career. How can we use these hours to make a difference? How can we give back to society through our work? Join us for a cosy evening with [Effective Altruism \(Singapore\)](#), [80,000 Hours](#) and guest speakers as we explore ways to embark on meaningful and impactful careers.

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP on [Simplicity](#).

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Time: 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Venue: Saga Student Commons

### **Like data, but don't know where to start?**

Data 1.0 hackathon is a one-day event at Yale-NUS College targeting 40 university-level novices interested in learning how to work with, analyse, and visualise data. As the ability to work with data becomes increasingly essential, this hackathon is designed to introduce and inspire students to consider data-driven opportunities by reducing requirements of prior knowledge or experience to participate. We invite Yale-NUS students who want to know how to use data, but do not know where to start. Knowing the basics of R or Python is important, but prior experience is not required. Learn more and register at [www.yncdatahack.com](http://www.yncdatahack.com).

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2017

Time: 9:00AM to 7:00PM

Venue: Classroom 15 & 16

### **P&G Career Talks**

Want to know how P&G has built billion dollar business over the past 180 years in 80 countries worldwide? Curious to find out how it is like working at P&G as "business owner" of favorite brands like SK-II, Pampers, Pantene, Tide, Gillette? Wonder what it takes to be part of our family? Join our campus talk series and find out more! Learn more and register [here](#).

Date: Wednesday, 22 March & Friday, 24 March

Time: 1:00PM to 8:00PM (various sessions)

Venue: NUS Faculty of Science & Yusof Ishak House

### **Crossing the Chasm Challenge**

Crossing the Chasm Challenge 2017 aims to fulfil a critical need for Social Entrepreneurs stuck in the Pioneer Gap, too large for seed funding and too small for impact investing. For the challenge, students team up and

work alongside partner social enterprises that tackle poverty to co-create a marketing strategy and pitch.

**Apply by 23 March 2017.** For more details, view their e-flyer [here](#) or head to [www.crossingthechasmchallenge.com](http://www.crossingthechasmchallenge.com).

### **National Geographic Early Career Grant: April 1, 2017 deadline**

National Geographic has just re-structured their [grant process](#), which kicks in for this upcoming cycle. NatGeo prizes local collaboration and in-depth scientific research in communities. They are now categorizing their research in three lenses: “The Human Journey”, “Wildlife and Wild Places”, and “Our Changing Planet.” The “Early Career Grant” is an opportunity for students and provides US\$5,000 for recipients. **The next deadline is April 1, 2017, with funding commencing in after August 21, 2017.** Please note that the application is quite comprehensive, so CIPE recommends students begin the drafting process as soon as possible. Want to receive feedback on your proposal? Email Charlotte at [charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg).

### **AEI-ASEM Summer School 2017: Application due April 21, 2017**

The EU Centre is providing up to five grants this summer for currently enrolled students at NUS, NTU, SMU, and Yale-NUS to attend a summer course on cultural pluralism in Asia and Europe. The course will run for two weeks in Malaysia (July 24-August 4) and one week in Brussels (August 7-11). Grant recipients will receive funds to cover the USD1000 fees plus a 300 euro travel subsidy. The USD1000 fees will cover course materials, accommodation, meals, and cultural trips and activities in Malaysia and Belgium. Applicants must submit a CV, copy of a transcript, and a personal motivation letter (500-600 words) expressing interest in the theme of the course. Applications are due April 21, and students interested in applying are encouraged to reach out to Charlotte to get feedback on drafts. Students can set up an advising appointment by emailing her at [charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg). Students can also email the EU Centre directly with questions about the opportunity at [eucentresg@jmnmm@nus.edu.sg](mailto:eucentresg@jmnmm@nus.edu.sg).

### **Open Call/Nomination for Speakers @ TEDxPickeringStreet**

Know of a great speaker, or want to share your inspiring idea or story at TEDxPickeringStreet? TEDxPickeringStreet will happen 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (Saturday), with a working theme of ‘**The Qs**’. The realm of knowledge and intelligence is limitless. The words IQs and EQs are thrown around a lot. However, there is a quotient for nearly every other letter in the alphabet, AQ, CQ, MQ, SQ, etc. The organisers wish to explore the different ideas and perspectives through the lenses of these different ‘Qs in life, and hopefully, return with a couple more Qs and enlightenment than before. **Submit your nominations via [Nomination/Open-call form](#) by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.**

TEDx is a global community that organizes TED-like events in their own community. TEDx events are often organized independently including curated speakers but based on TED’s rules and format. TEDxPickeringStreet is named after William A. Pickering, first British officer who could speak and write Chinese and who acted as the bridge between Chinese and British during Singapore’s time as a British Colony. It is intended as a platform that bridges the language gap between great ideas. A language-blind platform, ideas and speakers of all languages are sought.

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## **FOR CLASS OF 2017:**

### **March Fellowships Homework**

For students in the Class of 2017 and 2018 considering a postgraduate fellowship application, we have established a series of assignments to propel you forward to a strong application in the late summer or early fall of 2017. In January, we asked students to pursue initial advising, and in February, students were encouraged to write of their strengths through the Odyssey Solo assignment. This March, we ask students

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### **German Chancellor Fellowship**

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation has an annual fellowship for graduates looking to work in Germany to develop their leadership skills. The fellowship is open to citizens of Brazil, China, India, Russia, or the USA with an interest in working in politics, economics, the media, administration, and culture. Fellows are provided a monthly fellowship stipend and work in Germany throughout the duration of the year long placement. More information can be found on the website [here](#) and through the programme information brochure [here](#). If you are interested in applying, please note the next application cycle opens March 15, 2017 with a deadline in September. Students who are considering this fellowship may write to Charlotte to begin discussions on the application process at [charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:charlotte.evans@yale-nus.edu.sg).

### **Graduate School Applicants**

As you hear back from schools, remember that CIPE is there to help you practice your interview skills. Contact Zhana Sandeva at [zhana.sandeva@yale-nus.edu.sg](mailto:zhana.sandeva@yale-nus.edu.sg) if you'd like to arrange a mock interview. When you begin to receive decisions, do stay in close touch with faculty and CIPE to discuss options.

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### **FOR CLASS OF 2018 - 2020:**

#### **Keep checking Symplicity to learn about Summer Internships!**

Have you checked out the number of opportunities in [Symplicity](#)? New opportunities are posted every week (so check back frequently!) Students who are interested in CIPE-coordinated internships will need to have their resumes reviewed at Rapid Resume Reviews (or have attended a Writing Killer Resumes & Cover Letters workshop), and completed at least one mock interview on Symplicity. More information about internships are available [here](#). If you're getting close to receiving an offer or need help making a decision, be sure to [read this guide](#) and reach out to the CIPE Career Services team!

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### **FOR CLASS OF 2019 - 2020:**

#### **Summer Research Program**

There is still an opportunity to apply for the neuroscience project "The Space-time Coordinates of an

Emotion” led by Prof. Ajay Mathuru and the field biology project “Describing Orb-weaving Behaviour in *Fecenia protensa*” led by Prof. William Piel. **Apply on [Symplicity](#) by March 15** under the postings “Summer Research Program - The Space-time Coordinates of an Emotion” and “Summer Research Program - Describing Orb-weaving Behaviour in *Fecenia protensa*.”

## **ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Job Opportunities**

Student Associate roles are available in astrophysics, computational biology, ecological modelling, psychology and urban studies, as well as with the Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI) and – for the very first time – CIPE! For more information, visit [the Student Associate Program page](#).

### **Be a Residential College Advisor!**

The Dean of Students Office is looking for dynamic, friendly and responsible 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students to become residential advisors for their younger classmates starting from AY 2017-2018. Apply on [Symplicity](#) for the **Residential College Advisor (RCA)** posting by 13 March.

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

We were very happy to see a [piece](#) by CIPE staff member Charlotte Evans in the latest *Times Higher Education* on fellowships. Also, we have an interesting edited volume called *Student Learning Abroad* in the CIPE reading room that looks at what students are learning when they go on study abroad and how to improve that.

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