



Blum Center for Developing Economies

Real-World Solutions to Combat Poverty



**Summer 2010
Tata International Social Entrepreneurship Scheme
Fellows Program**

Priority Deadline: Monday, November 2nd, 4:00 pm
Standard Deadline: Monday, November 9th, 4:00pm

The Tata Group, one of India's largest private sector conglomerates and a global leader in innovative corporate social responsibility initiatives launched the Tata International Social Entrepreneurship Scheme (TISES) in 2008. The primary objective of TISES is to provide international students with opportunities to contribute to community initiative projects of Tata Group companies in India and in so doing to promote international understanding.

University of California Berkeley and Cambridge University in the UK are the first two participating universities. Berkeley will identify a minimum of five upper division undergraduate or graduate students for 8-week summer TISES internships with Tata Group's community initiative programs. The internships will begin o/a June 1, 2010.

Competitively selected interns will join Tata community development teams working on the economic and social empowerment of communities surrounding the company's operating units. Intern assignments will involve participation in on-going activities/projects with Tata Group companies.

Selected students will participate in a pre-departure orientation program at Berkeley and be provided with introductory language training. They will be provided with additional orientation by Tata in India prior to traveling to their individual assignments. On-the-job translation assistance will be provided by Tata.

Students will be expected to make presentations on their findings and recommendations to Tata Corporate Sustainability Services management team prior to departure from India. Interns will also present at the Berkeley-Tata Student Symposium during Fall semester 2010.

Tata will cover all in-country travel and living costs and provide interns with a modest daily stipend for incidental costs. Interns will be housed in guest accommodations operated by Tata. Interns are expected to cover 1/3 of their air fare expenses to India (approximately \$700).

The TISES program is open to upper-division UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students whose expected graduation is no earlier than December 2010. Selection is competitive based on academic record, information provided in the application, and potentially a phone interview. Given the cultural exchange aspect of the program preference will be given to students who have not previously spent more than one month in India.

Desired qualifications include:

- 1 Previous work or volunteer experience with NGOs, community groups, etc.
- 2 Demonstrated leadership capacity
- 3 Demonstrated ability to work in teams
- 4 Excellent communication and organizational skills
- 5 Existing knowledge/strong interest in India

Application Submission Instructions

Step 1: Upload to OurUnit website (<http://tinyurl.com/TISESFellowship>) in .pdf format, a paragraph response to each of the following (not to exceed 250 words per paragraph):

- 1) **Basic applicant information:** Name, SID, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, Graduation Date, Graduate or Undergraduate Student
- 2) **Knowledge:** State your potential contributions to the program, including any relevant background NGOs, community groups, or poverty alleviation.
- 3) **Leadership:** Please discuss your leadership experience and how you could be a contributing member of diverse team.
- 4) **Cultural competency:** Please discuss your international and/or domestic cross-cultural experiences and include any other relevant information such as language ability.
- 5) **Commitment:** What are your goals for participation as a TISES Fellow? What do you expect to learn? Why would you be committed to this program?
- 6) **Other:** Share anything else about yourself to help the selection committee in their decision.

Step 2: Obtain a **letter of support** from a faculty mentor outlining why you would be a good candidate for this position. You can submit this in several ways:

- 1) After registering at OurUnit, you will be given a unique URL for the faculty mentor to upload text or a PDF letter of reference for you.
- 2) Upload the PDF letter yourself.
- 3) Submit the letter to the Blum Center Student Programs Office (129 Stephens).

Step 3: Submit these documents to the Blum Center Student Programs Office (129 Stephens) or upload to OurUnit depending on your ability to create PDFs:

- 1) A **Curriculum Vitae or Resume** which details work experience, honors/awards, educational background (area of study), community service involvements, and other relevant information.
- 2) An **unofficial transcript** of your course work at UC Berkeley and/or previous undergraduate institutions.

All documents must be received by Blum Center program staff no later than 4pm on Monday, November 9, 2009. **We highly recommend submitting all documents prior to the deadline as late submissions will not be accepted.**