Mapping disaster, conflict, and inequality in the Philippines

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Calling students & recent grads: Join our team of research interns!

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VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Richard Charles Lee Asian Pathways Research Lab (RCL-APRL) Virtual Internship Program at the Asian Institute is a structured experiential learning opportunity that provides training in digital research tools and methods.

This unpaid internship program is open to all undergraduate and Master’s-level students at U of T as well as recent graduates (students and recent alumni from the Contemporary Asian Studies, South Asian Studies and Collaborative Master’s programs at the Asian Institute will be prioritized). The program will run fall-winter 2020-21 (with an opportunity to continue in spring/summer 2021).
Led by the Asian Institute’s postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Joseph McQuade, the program will train research interns to use digitized archival sources and geospatial tools to research, track, and visualize data related to the three themes of environmental insecurity, conflict, and inequality. Through workshops, readings, and group discussions RCL-APRL interns will learn to think critically about their relationship to digital technologies, as well as the benefits, challenges, and ethical questions that these technologies pose for researchers. No prior knowledge of digital research methods is required.

This year’s research will focus on Mindanao, the second largest island in the Philippines. Mindanao’s reliance on agriculture, combined with its position just below the typhoon belt and low road connectivity, makes it especially vulnerable to the effects of environmental disaster, political instability, and socioeconomic and gendered hierarchies of inequality.
Working in collaboration with partners in the Philippines, interns will help map rural agriculture, infrastructure, and logistics as part of a broader initiative aimed at improving the lives of girls, women, rural communities, and Indigenous peoples. Research interns will also use digitized primary sources to better understand the spatial dimensions of inequality and conflict in the region.

Working in teams and individually, research interns will produce short texts, guides to further reading, and an interactive map of Mindanao for the Asian Institute’s website. Current U of T students will receive CCR (Co-Curricular Record) recognition for participation.

The application process is simple!

1. Fill out this short application form.

2. Email your CV/resume to ai.coordinator@utoronto.ca (Shannon Garden-Smith, Research Coordinator) before 11:59pm (EDT), October 5, 2020.

*Please format your CV/resume as a PDF or Word document and name your file "Last Name_First Name_CV/Resume." Please write "RCL-APRL Internship CV/Resume" in the subject line of your email.

We’ll be in touch with all applicants by October 9, 2020.
Further Details

Program Eligibility

The RCL-APRL Virtual Internship Program is open to undergraduate or Master’s-level students and recent alum (with a graduation date in 2019 to present). Students and recent alum of the Asian Institute (Contemporary Asian Studies and South Asian Studies undergraduate programs and Collaborative Master’s programs) will be prioritized.

We are looking for students who want to learn and think reflexively about digital research tools and the spatial dimensions of inequality and conflict in Asia and globally. No prior knowledge of digital research methods is required.

The RCL-APRL Virtual Research Internship seeks to accommodate as many applicants as possible. We expect to offer approximately 12 internship positions.

How the Program Works

The program will be run entirely online with opportunities to attend synchronous workshops and training with Asian Institute faculty, staff, and industry collaborators. The program will be as flexible as possible to accommodate interns in different time zones and any scheduling conflicts. Interns should expect to commit approximately 3-4 hours/week (up to about 40 hours/semester). Current U of T students will receive CCR recognition for participation.
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Any Questions?

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