



2026 Youth Overseas Internship Program Internship Position Description Form

Part A. Organization Information

(To be completed once per organization)

1. Organization Name:

Deliberative Democracy Lab at Stanford University

2. Organization Overview:

● About Us:

The Deliberative Democracy Lab, housed within the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, is dedicated to advancing the practice and study of deliberative democracy. Its mission is to promote informed, thoughtful, and inclusive deliberation among citizens, helping to foster democratic engagement and improve decision-making processes. The Lab is devoted to research about democracy and public opinion obtained through Deliberative Polling, to explore how public opinion evolves when people are given the opportunity to engage in structured, meaningful discussions. With an international presence, the Lab has worked in over 50 countries and collaborates with governments, organizations, and institutions around the globe to implement deliberative practices in diverse cultural and political contexts, strengthening democratic values worldwide.

● Work Culture:

A collaborative and self-starter work culture emphasizes teamwork, innovation, and individual initiative. In such an environment, employees actively share ideas, support one another, and contribute to collective goals, while also taking ownership of their tasks and responsibilities. Open communication, mutual respect, and a focus on problem-solving are key features. Self-starters thrive here by proactively seeking solutions, embracing challenges, and driving projects forward without constant supervision, fostering a dynamic and productive workplace where creativity and independence are valued.

3. Type of Organization: ☐ Private Company ☐ NGO ☐ Public Sector

☒ Research Institute ☐ Other: _____



**4. Industry / Field:**

- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Transportation and storage
- ☐ Accommodation and food service activities
- ☐ Information and communication
- ☐ Financial and insurance activities
- ☐ Professional, scientific and technical activities
- ☐ Administrative and support service activities
- ☐ Public administration and defense; compulsory social security
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Human health and social work activities
- ☐ Arts, entertainment and recreation
- ☐ Other service activities

5. Website / Social Media:

<https://deliberation.stanford.edu/>

6. Address / Location:

Stanford, CA

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Part B. Internship Position Information

*(Please complete one section per internship position.
If offering multiple positions, please duplicate this section as needed.)*

1. Internship Title & Vacancies

- **Official Internship Title:** Research Assistant
- **Number of Openings:** open to 1-3 positions

2. Internship Details

- **Duration (Start Date – End Date):** Summer 2026
- **Working Hours per Week:**
Typical hours 10-40 depending on part time to full time.
- **Type of Internship:** ☐ Project-based ☐ Rotational ☒ Research
☐ Administrative ☐ Other: _____

3. Key Responsibilities

- Assist with research and literature review
- Qualitative research analyses
- Quantitative research analyses
- Monitoring/Observing deliberations in real-time
- Assist with tasks as needed

4. Learning Objectives & Expected Outcomes:

I. Expertise in Deliberative Practices and Research

- Develop a deep understanding of deliberative democracy principles and methods.
- Gain hands-on experience in designing and analyzing deliberative experiments using qualitative and quantitative research tools.

II. Practical Skills in Communication and Facilitation

- Learn how to effectively facilitate discussions among diverse participants, ensuring productive and equitable dialogue.
- Hone advanced communication skills for creating public-facing materials and engaging stakeholders.

III. Real-World Impact and Policy Insight

- Contribute to projects with tangible implications for public policy and governance.





- Understand how deliberative methods address global challenges and integrate into decision-making processes.

5. Supervisor/Mentor Information

- **Name / Title:** Alice Siu / Associate Director

6. Qualifications & Requirements

I. Required Academic Background:

- Studies in fields related to or similar to Political Science, Sociology, Public Policy, Communication, or Data Science, and/or with interest in democracy or civic engagement.

II. Required Skills / Languages:

- **Research and Analytical Skills:** Interest in survey design, data analysis (using tools like R or Python), and qualitative/quantitative research methods.
- **Strong Communication and Collaboration:** Have strong written and verbal communication skills, facilitation experience, and a collaborative mindset for interdisciplinary teamwork.

III. Preferred Skills / Experience: n/a

7. Compensation & Benefits

- **Salary / Allowance:** n/a
- **Accommodation / Transportation / Meals Provided:** n/a

