AI Policy Summer Internship

Title: TFS AI Policy Summer Intern

Location: Home office/remote, with potential travel to Boston, Paris or Dubai

Status: 100% (full-time), 6-8 weeks

Reports to: TFS Board of Directors, Head of Research

Posting date: March 2019

Compensation: Unpaid. Out-of-pocket expenses for travel, etc. will be reimbursed. Ability to fund internship with scholarships (FES, KAS, SDW, StuSti, etc.) can be explored.

THE FUTURE SOCIETY

The Future Society is an independent 501(c)(3) organization incubated at Harvard Kennedy School that aims to shape the governance of emerging technologies for beneficial impact. We pursue our mission through policy research, convenings and education programs. We envision a world where the power of technology serves the well-being and dignity of all.

The Future Society's full-time employees are located in Paris, London, Dubai and Boston, with affiliates based across the globe from Singapore to San Francisco.

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) are changing the way we live and work. These technologies hold promise to vastly benefit almost any domain: Healthcare, education, poverty reduction, welfare, security, finance and a variety of others.

At the same time, as a true 'general-purpose technology', Artificial Intelligence poses challenges and risks that are not yet fully addressed. From ethical use of data and privacy over security and algorithmic biases to 'blackboxing' and the risks of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), most of the problems remain unaddressed.

During this internship, you'll be able to select one of the related areas you are passionate about (in the past, topics such as "AI and pricing" or "AIGOs: A Framework for Planning, Developing, and Deploying Artificial Intelligence in Intergovernmental Organizations" have been covered) and conduct deep research on it. The eventual output format will be subject to agreement with TFS's board (whitepaper, research report, conference, etc.)

BASIC JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Prior experience working in NGOs, consulting or other high-paced environments (technology companies, think tanks/institutes)
- Proven experience academic research in the policy space
- Current student in a top-tier university
- Flexibility to travel to Boston, Paris, London, Dubai, Washington DC as needed

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS

- Strong critical thinking, reasoning and research skills
- Ability to quickly screen and make sense of a vast amount of existing research
- Self-motivated, works independently, takes initiative, possesses creative problem-solving skills and willingness to offer suggestions for improvement tenacity to drive problems to resolution
- Due to its global footprint and diversity, English is the standard language throughout The Future Society. Good command of English is a must, French is a plus.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills; clarity, tact, professionalism and consensus building skills, ideally experience in working in a virtual organization
- Well organized, strong ability to plan ahead and manage large number of initiatives in parallel, strong attention to detail, accurate and thorough
- Proven strong leadership and change management skills
- Strong business building focus supported by entrepreneurial thinking
- Excellent computer skills: Excel, PowerPoint, Google Docs, Slack
- Maintain highest levels of internal and external confidentiality