

Summer 2022

SPS Academic & Professional Development Grant Recipients

The SPS Office of Student Support is pleased to announce its Summer 2022 Academic and Professional Development Grant Recipients.

Previously recognized as the Global Impact Award, the grant is intended to support students in pursuing tailored, hands-on learning experiences aligned with their academic programs that include, but are not limited to: graduate research, capstone projects, and experiential learning/professional development opportunities.

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Natalia Alexander

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Natalia plans to use the funding in order to attend the Global Behavioral Science program (GLOBES), a joint research practicum hosted by the University of Cambridge along with professors from Columbia. This program provides an intellectual deep dive into the basics of behavioral science and its real world applications, along with hands-on experience in carrying out behavioral science research, from study development to dissemination. In addition to the rare opportunity to become a published researcher via the program, learning how to design, test, implement, monitor and evaluate human behavioral studies as it relates to elements of conflict will bring Natalia a scientific layer of understanding and legitimacy to theoretical approaches to conflict resolution.



Kathryn Olivia Beros

Sustainability Management

Kathryn has been awarded funding to attend Agrivoltaics2022, the third global conference of scientific exchange and networking for photovoltaic and agriculture researchers, companies, farming associations, and political and finance experts. By becoming an expert in the science behind agrivoltaics, she plans to position herself to fill the gap between farming and solar as an agrivoltaic developer and sustainable agriculture consultant providing feasibility studies to farmers interested in pursuing agrivoltaics. The conference, held in Piacenza, Italy, ensures that she is up-to-date on the current science and results of global agrivoltaic trials as well as make connections with potential partners and clients.



Sadie Goodman

Narrative Medicine

Sadie has been awarded funding to complete her capstone project on poetry centered around health and healing. Her plan is to create an anthology of poems by contemporary healers, including a few of her original pieces; pulling from physicians, poets, patients, family members, and witnesses, she hopes to create a holistic picture of giving and receiving care.



Jie Guo

Enterprise Risk Management

Jie plans to use the funding and skills learned in the Enterprise Risk Management to offset costs related to her Compliance and Operational Risk internship with Angelo's Pizza. As part of her role, she will monitor performance and help in the development of risk metrics, as well as diagnose compliance and regulatory concerns to ensure that the organization complies with relevant laws. Jie hopes to gain experience and apply her knowledge to practical situations.



Chelsea Hicks

Narrative Medicine

Chelsea is interested in the intersections of art and medicine, and has been awarded funding to complete her capstone project on the impact of visual art in healthcare and medical education. Her goal is to highlight the patient experiences that are often left unarticulated through the creation of drawings and paintings combined with patient interviews pertaining to illness. As she looks into studying osteopathic medicine in the future, Chelsea hopes to see how the inclusion of art in the healing environment will promote the healing process and enhance the quality of patients' lives.

**Lindsay Morris***Negotiation and Conflict Resolution*

To supplement her internship with The Center for Mediation and Training, Lindsay has been awarded funding to participate in a divorce mediation training program which covers financial, legal, and emotional issues common to divorce and family mediation. Working in an office setting alongside lawyers, therapists, coaches, and mediators will give her different perspectives on the process of family and marital mediation, as well as the unique opportunity to mediate actual cases with close supervision from seasoned professionals. After this training course is completed, she will receive a certification in divorce mediation and cultivate the skills instrumental to her goals of building her own family therapy and mediation practice.

**Momoka Shiozumi***Sustainability Management*

Momoka Shiozumi has been awarded funding in order to attend the US SIF Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment earlier this June. The US SIF Member Day and Annual Conference offers a unique opportunity to network with leaders of the sustainable and impact investing community and to learn about new approaches, trends, and policy developments in the field. After witnessing the catastrophic situation in Fukushima during her undergraduate studies, she became interested in the intersection of sustainability and finance. She plans to use this opportunity to network with leaders in the field, as well as take what she learns and apply it in her studies and as a member of the Sustainable Investing Club.

**Sonali Singh***Sustainability Management*

After developing an interest in corporate sustainability as a means of designing solutions for larger social impact, Sonali will be completing the Corporate Safety and Environmental Sustainability internship with La-Z-Boy, Inc. at their world headquarters in Monroe, Michigan. She will be closely working with the leadership team of La-Z-Boy, Inc. to create a corporate sustainability strategy, devise initiatives to help them lower their environmental footprint throughout the supply chain, and gain solid competencies within the field to further her career moving forward.



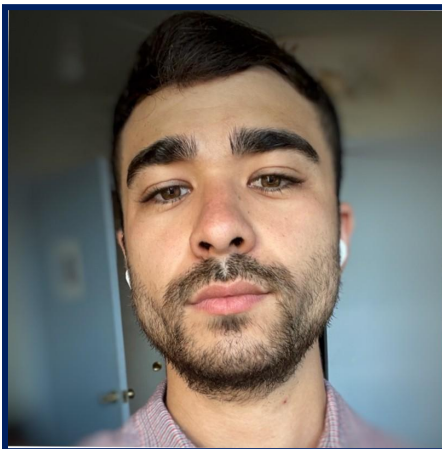
Linye Song
Applied Analytics

Linye plans to use the funding and skills learned in the Applied Analytics program to take part in her internship opportunity with Complete Genomics during which she will assist with data management and analysis, communication with partners, and follow-up cooperation. This internship will provide her the opportunity to accumulate practical experience as well as further explore how to improve conservation and resource use from a genetic perspective.



Paulina Tamayo and Wes Toshiro Purpura
Sustainability Management

Both Paulina Tamayo and Wes Toshiro Purpura have been awarded funding to offset technology and transportation costs for their Responsible Investment internships at Trinity Church Wall Street. They will both be supporting the Managing Director of Responsible Investment, Bhakti Mirchandani, in the analysis of financial risks and opportunities related to climate, the energy transition, and DEI within the real estate sector. As a SUMA student interested in the intersection of finance and sustainability, Paulina has a unique opportunity to provide real-life strategic consulting on integrating both areas and learn from outstanding leaders about the main challenges and opportunities the asset management industry faces. Wes looks forward to transferring the knowledge and skills he obtains this summer to the next group of SUMA students as a Teaching Assistant for Impact Finance for Sustainability Practitioners later this Fall.





Thinus Venter
Sustainability Science

Thinus plans to use the funding and skills learned in the Sustainability Science program to attend the ESG & Decarbonizing Real Estate Forum, an event for real estate firms, technology and software providers, chief sustainability officers, etc., to establish an annual gathering of the largest and most influential residential and commercial real estate organizations to openly discuss relevant ESG and GHG emissions reduction strategies. From the basic conversations about ESG in real estate to specific monitoring, mitigation, and risk analysis discussions, to the correlating financial impact, the seminars will offer the most up-to-date information available, as well as how the industry plans on implementing these ideas.



Courtney Weiner
Sports Management

Courtney is interested in a career in NFL player engagement and has been awarded funding in order to attend the GALvanize Bootcamp, a program run by NFL reporter Laura Okmin in conjunction with NFL teams to empower women in the sports industry. GALvanize provides media training for NFL rookies, pro coaches, the USA Women's hockey team, WNBA squads and people looking to develop the skills and confidence to deliver impactful messages. This grant will allow Courtney to travel to Atlanta, GA, to fully take advantage of learning from and networking with the Atlanta Falcons employees and rookie players on-site, as well as build confidence and sisterhood with fellow women in sports.



Dena Weinstein
Sustainability Management

Dena has been awarded funding in order to take the SASB Fundamentals of Sustainability (FSA) Level II exam and the CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a background in corporate accounting and finance, and plans to apply her learnings from these initiatives this summer as an EDF Climate Corps Sustainable Finance Fellow.