The Shastri Student Internship in India (SSII) Project is now open for applications. The deadline is December 22, 2022, but applications can still be submitted afterwards as the program information only became available yesterday. However, preference will be given to those who submit on/before December 22, 2022. Program details can be found via [https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SSII-2022-23](https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SSII-2022-23).

**About SSII:** The SSII project-grants aim to strengthen the global talent of Canadian post-secondary (undergrad level) students by offering short-term international work opportunities in India, a vibrant South Asian country. The twelve-week work experience in India will support increasing global competencies, intercultural and interpersonal skills, and the growth of our Canadian students' ideas and innovation. A list of the available vacancies can be found via [https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SSII-2022-23](https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SSII-2022-23).

**Value:** up to $7,000.00

**Duration:** 12 weeks, from February to April 2023 (some flexibility may be possible, please email maldeen@ucalgary.ca for details)

**Application:** email the complete package to shastri@ucalgary.ca with the subject line "SSII Project 2022-23" on or before December 22, 2022, by 11:00 pm (MST) and cc kennis.fung@umanitoba.ca.

**Eligibility:**
- Citizens/permanent residents of Canada.
- Current undergraduate degree-seeking students at a Canadian University of SICI's Canadian Member Council (note: the University of Manitoba is a current member).
- The applicants must not have another degree from an Indian University or be enrolled in an Indian degree program.
- An individual awarded a SICI Student Internship in a previous competition will not be eligible to apply for this SSII Project Grant.

**Other important information:**
- Preference will be given to applications that receive study credits for Work-Integrated Learning at their Home Institutions. SICI strongly advises the applicants to consult appropriate authorities at their home institutions to contact Mahmuda Aldeen (maldeen@ucalgary.ca) to initiate the necessary recognition process of these Internships as Work-Integrated Learning projects.
- **Low-income students and Indigenous students** are encouraged to apply, 50% of the grants are set aside for these students.
- Departments or faculty members having accessible/spare funds and wishing to cater to their students for this International Co-op/Work-Integrated Learning opportunity are advised to contact SICI (Mahmuda Aldeen-maldeen@ucalgary.ca) for necessary information and arrangements. SICI will be delighted to incorporate some additional students with the SSII cohort.

**Application Requirements:**
- A complete application form, including a detailed budget and required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All files submitted must be of .pdf file extension (word, jpeg/jpg etc., are not allowed).
- Copy of official transcripts (most recent two years).
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status (copy of passport, birth certificate or permanent residency card).
• Two letters of reference from the academic instructors/supervisors.

Evaluation Criteria:
A four-member bi-national adjudicating committee will review all SSII applications and select the successful awardees based on the following marking system -

• Relevance between the applicant's academic background-interest and the proposed field of study for the Internship (10 points).
• Assessment of applicant's capability based on the list of academic and extracurricular activities (10 points);
• Perceived usefulness of the Internship to enhance capacity, knowledge and learning of the applicant (10 points);
• Demonstration of willingness to live, respect for and adjust in a different culture and county, viz India (10 points).

Details of the positions, and all relevant information can be found on the Shastri website (https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SSII-2022-23).