

Departmental Report for the AUS council

International Development Studies Students Association

Current involvements:

- We are working diligently on our upcoming journal. It is proceeding according to schedule and we expect to have all articles and papers in by the end of this week after which the editing and compiling process will start. We aim for the journal launch to be on the 29th of March.
- We have a tutoring program in place. We usually hire two/three tutors for the finals season who teach students material for the mandatory IDS classes. Last semester this went pretty well as we've had positive feedback from the students who have gone to these tutors for help.
- The internship program was started last year. The IDSSA currently has two internships going on. One is with FAST (finance alliance for sustainable trade) and the other is with Carrefour/Crossroads international. The previous position at FAST was that of a communications intern, however now the organization has provided us with another opportunity and that is the membership assistant position. The internship with Carrefour International is new. We have three internship positions available and will be posting them towards the end of the semester. The positions are desktop publishing and editing assistant, volunteer cooperation program process mapping assistant and an allowance analyst position.
A post will be released through our listserv and through our Facebook page after which students are expected to start applying. All applications require a CV and cover letter and some applications require a writing sample. We will set an appointment with all the potential applicants and then go on to choose the most promising students. We will also ask the students to write a short summary about their experience once the internship has ended.

Respectfully submitted,

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