

CSF

CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC FUTURES
Strategy Group, Prime Minister's Office

Internship Programme

May to Aug 2026



About the CSF

The Centre for Strategic Futures (CSF) is a think tank and foresight unit in the Strategy Group of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO-SG). Our mission is to position the Singapore government well to successfully **navigate emerging strategic challenges and harness potential opportunities** in an evolving world.

As a futures think tank, CSF focuses on **open-ended, longer-term futures research** and **blind spot areas**. We seek to nudge Singapore's policy units to **go beyond their pre-existing assumptions and think differently about the future**. To do this, CSF frequently draws government agencies' attention to new ideas and builds futures thinking capabilities.

Read more about us here: csf.gov.sg

“The world that we live in does not unfold in a predictable and linear fashion. While we cannot predict how the future may play out, foresight allows us to exchange points of view across backgrounds and disciplines, challenge one another’s assumptions and generate insights that can help us all make better decisions.”

Peter Ho,

Senior Advisor to CSF,

Former Head of Civil Service

What You Can Expect During the Internship



Cutting-edge foresight research

Play a key role in existing futures projects as a research assistant.



A diverse and dynamic team

Work closely with our team of multidisciplinary foresight analysts.



Exposure to futures capability development programmes

Gain critical foresight, engagement and facilitation skills.



Pioneer new research projects

Propose research projects and present your work to senior management.

During the internship, interns will help the CSF team with our existing projects. In addition, interns have the opportunity to propose their own research topics for further study.



Requirements

You must fulfill the following criteria to be considered for our internship programme:

1. Be a Singapore citizen

2. Be a Year 2 to 4* University Undergraduate

*Please note that we do **NOT** accept internship applications from students in their final semester of study.

3. Be able to commit to a full-time internship for 12 weeks

In addition, we look out for candidates who possess the following:

- Critical and out-of-the-box thinking
- Analytical rigour
- Excellent writing, presentation and communication skills

Application Process

1) Submit your CV and latest transcript via email

- Addressed to **lim_yun_hui@pmo.gov.sg** and **inthira_mailvaganam@pmo.gov.sg**
- Include in the subject header “CSF Internship 2026 (**Name**) (**University**) (**Degree Course**)”
- Indicate in the email your **preferred start and end dates** (12 weeks) for the internship and your **expected graduation date**.

2) Complete a 48-hour take home essay test

- Essay test will be emailed to eligible applicants.

3) Face-to-face interview with CSF team members

- Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.

4) Receive offer letter

- Please note that upon selection, it may take up to 4-5 weeks for confirmation on admission into the programme.

Internship Period:
May to August 2026

Application Opens:
Monday, 2 March 2026

Application Closes:
Monday, 9 March 2026, 6pm*

*As we receive a high volume of applications every cycle, we will **NOT** entertain any application with incomplete information, nor applications submitted after the closing date and time.

Testimonials

CSF introduced and exposed me to futures thinking in the heart of government and it was an intellectually stimulating and refreshingly creative space that I won't forget! Beyond research, I had the opportunity to widen my horizons by attending talks and workshops with leading experts across all fields. At CSF, ideas are always welcomed and challenged over engaging discussions with the amazing team! 10/10!

Syabil,
Summer 2025 Intern
NTU Sociology
Undergraduate

If you are someone with insatiable curiosity and a penchant for the interdisciplinary, I highly recommend an internship at CSF! I treasured the opportunity to engage with a wide range of issues through the lens of strategic foresight, and was grateful to the team for being so nurturing in letting me chase my curiosities.

Zoe Mae,
Fall 2025 Intern
NUS English Literature and
Communications and New
Media Undergraduate

Alongside participation in Whole-of-Government and agency-specific sensemaking sessions, I got to attend external interdisciplinary seminars and symposiums that interested me, spanning heritage futures, interfaith cooperation, speculative art, emerging technologies, entangled ecologies and urban infrastructures.

Testimonials

Angeline,
Summer 2025 Intern
SMU Politics, Law and
Economics Undergraduate

Interning at CSF offered me a uniquely intellectually stimulating experience that fundamentally reshaped how I think about social and political issues. I was introduced to horizon scanning of weak signals which was a forward-looking research approach that is very different from typical undergraduate methodologies. What sets CSF apart is its culture of support coupled with conversations that are consistently intellectually rigorous and reflective.

Few research opportunities, if any, offer both breadth and depth; that is, both a colourful range of research areas from which to pick, and a focused and sustained analysis of social, cultural and geo-political phenomena. This research, furthermore, is not a Crusoean effort.

With the interns, permanent staff, academics, and thought leaders, thought-provoking conversations assist and advance the process from data collection to presentation. I am thus deeply indebted to CSF and all that each member has given to one another.

Jiajun,
Summer 2023 Intern
NTU English and Philosophy
Undergraduate