

# 2012 Exploration Summer: Independent Projects and Goals

## THE ROBERTSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SCHOLAR AND PROJECT INFO		GOALS
<p><b>Abby Delbianco</b></p> <p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Rachel McMillan, Program Advisor for Projects Abroad Dr. Robert Skalicky, Surgeon at Bucks County Plastic Surgery</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Exploration Summer 2012</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Suva, Fiji; Newtown, PA, USA</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Projects Abroad/ Bucks County Plastic Surgery</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This project will combine all available elements of medicine in order to provide me with the most accurate preview possible of a career in the medical world, while at the same time testing my commitment to involvement in that community. From working in the operating room on shelter animals in Fiji to researching new technologies and observing complex cosmetic procedures on upper class patients in PA, I will experience the full spectrum that medicine has to offer.</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> To fully immerse myself in both the work and the environment of both medical facilities in order to get a feel for what working there daily would feel like.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> To complete medical research with Dr. Skalicky and submit for publishing.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> To make a decision on whether to continue working towards a medical career.</p>	
<p><b>Deo Fagnisse</b></p> <p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Rhubhi Matinyi Yale University, Public Health School</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Internship with Vornado REIT - A summer in the concrete jungle</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Durham, NC and New York City</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Vornado REIT</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will assist with various office tasks for the first part of the summer. Then, I might join the development and re-development team on some renovation projects around the company's NY properties.</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Strive in a fairly structured work environment.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Become familiar with the geography, landscape, and history of New York city.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Achieve a good understanding of the function and place of REITs</p>	
<p><b>Kaitlin Gladney</b></p> <p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Amanda van Dort, Sri Lanka County Director</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Research and compile a comprehensive database of culture-specific individual and</p>	

<p><b>Title:</b> Mental Health Fellowship with Emerge Global</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>Colombo, Sri Lanka <b>Organization(s):</b> Emerge Global</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be working with Emerge Global, a nonprofit that exists to empower young Sri Lankan girls who are survivors of sexual assault. As the Mental Health fellow, my responsibilities center around the research of culture-specific psychological treatment methods as well as creating workshops for the girls and staff and volunteers.</p>	<p>group treatment methods for various psychological disorders associated with trauma.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Work with Emerge's partners to create a series of workshops for the girls as well as for staff and volunteers.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Gain a deeper understanding of the way a nonprofit works, knowledge of Sri Lankan culture and customs, and increased perspective and empathy.</p>	
<p><b>John Guzek</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Professor Townsend Middleton Duke University Cultural Anthropology</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Gain direct insight into the obstacles and challenges to education and other inalienable rights abroad and thereby into the tangible reasons for my pursuit of social justice</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Learn the research and networking processes that can drive the fight for social justice</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Expand my knowledge of techniques that address disadvantaged populations and return to UNC a better director of the organization I co-chair, CHIRP (Chapel Hill Immigrant &amp; Refugee Partnership)</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Service in Cambodia and Policymaking in DC: Addressing Social Justice Abroad and at Home</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Phnom Penh &amp; Washington, DC</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Projects Abroad, TBD in DC</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> My proposed project for the Exploration Summer is to first teach English in a Cambodian orphanage for six weeks and then to research and assist in the Department of Justice or a private think tank in the Washington, DC metropolitan area for the latter six weeks. Accordingly, the goals for this project are twofold: (1) to gain direct insight into the obstacles and challenges to education and other inalienable rights abroad and thereby into the tangible reasons for my pursuit.</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Better understand what it means to be truly underprivileged in other parts of the world, and understand tangible and systematic ways to break the cycle of poverty.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> To make a direct and active impact on both organizations I work with.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Grow in my personal faith and develop an idea of what it means to be a leader in the future with respect to my Christian beliefs.</p>	
<p><b>Andrew Hanna</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Todd Humphreys, Cru Director Carmella La Bianca, Sanford School for Public Policy</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> India/ South Africa: Exploring Empowerment of the Underprivileged International Development and Education</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Delhi, India and Pretoria, South Africa</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Cru</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This summer, I intend to begin by traveling to India to work on with an organization on international/ community development focused on the most</p>

underprivileged, those who are falling behind as this nation rapidly develops. I will then travel to Pretoria, South Africa with a team of Christian students from Harvard/ MIT to serve and to work on the development of a tutoring/ mentoring partnership between the University of Pretoria and an impoverished township's high school students.

**Ned Hardison**

**Primary Advisor:**  
 Claudelle David, Program Coordinator,  
 South Africa, Connect-123

**Title:**  
 Groote Schuur Neurosurgery Department Intern  
**Location(s):** Cape Town, South Africa  
**Organization(s):**  
 Connect-123

**Abstract:**  
 My project involves working as an intern in the neurosurgery department of the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa under the supervision of Dr. Rothmeyer. As an intern, I will be assisting with research projects, assisting with taking patients' histories and vitals, scrubbing in for actual surgeries and observing procedures, and seeing what it is like to work as a doctor in a hospital.

**Goal 1:**  
 One goal is to explore the daily life of a doctor, from a standpoint of deciding if I ultimately want to pursue a career in neurosurgery.

**Goal 2:**  
 Another goal is to pursue an independent project where I'll be able to research a health topic under the supervision of Dr. Rothmeyer.

**Goal 3:**  
 Additionally, I wish to explore South Africa from a cultural standpoint. It has a rich history, and I would like to see all that it has to offer.

**Annie Helbling**

**Primary Advisor:**  
 Sofia Mignacca  
 Desk Officer in Cordoba for Projects  
 Abroad

**Title:**  
 International Medical Internship  
**Location(s):** Cordoba, Argentina  
**Organization(s):** Projects Abroad  
**Abstract:**

This medical internship incorporates experience in several different medical settings. I will be able to not only observe but work in urban and rural hospitals as well as governmental and non-governmental facilities. This unique opportunity provides observation and participation in patient care in a foreign country and also between different institutions within that same country.

**Goal 1:**  
 Determine if medicine is truly my area of passion and interest.

**Goal 2:**  
 Become completely comfortable speaking in Spanish - distinct level of fluency.

**Goal 3:**  
 To maintain an open mind and willingness to learn from the doctors, nurses, my fellow interns, the patients, and most of all the people of Cordoba.

**Eli Hornstein**

**Primary Advisor:**  
 Professor Molly Cummings  
 UT Austin, STRI

**Goal 1:**  
 My most reachable goal and the one that will drive my summer in case of conflict is the

<p><b>Title:</b> Micro- and Macro- Evolutionary Biology in Two Continents</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Bocas del Toro, Panama</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> STRI Field Station, Bocas Town, Bocas del Toro</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Evolution is typically examined on very distinct levels--in specific cases, such as my research site in Panama, an apparent irregularity may reveal much larger patterns though it occurs on a small scale. Evolution is also examined on the global scale, crossing continents and multiple generations. Both scales have their advantages and limitations--in my summer I will experience and compare them side-by-side, with a technical and neatly defined small-scale project, followed by a mostly unprecedented investigation into human influence on evolution.</p>	<p>production of a real, useful, and publishable study on dart frog evolution in Panama.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> My second goal, which I will pursue absolutely as far as is possible, is to collect useful new data in Asia to compare with archived specimens and data to identify anthropogenic changes that have occurred.</p>	
<p><b>Jordan Imbrey</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Dana Coen and Scott Myers Writing for the Screen and Stage - UNC CH</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> To improve on-set skill and leadership within a professional team in filmmaking.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> To improve fluency in Spanish and see Western Europe</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> To location scout for an upcoming film</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Spain and Cinema</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Madrid</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> EUSA</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will spend my summer learning how to be a member of a production team. Up until now I have worked on my own independent films, but have rarely worked in a professional environment. I also want to increase my fluency in Spanish and location scout for a future film.</p>		
<p><b>Erika Keil</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Charlotte Kilbane Managing Editor</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Gain increased competency in filming and editing software, Final Cut Pro, specifically.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Learn more about the TV reporters' experiences on the field-- beat reporting? long term coverage areas?</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Leave with a more robust knowledge of how South Africa's complex history affected media throughout the Apartheid and today, still.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Media Immersion with eTV News in Cape Town</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> eTV News</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> My exploration summer will center around immersing myself in the media of a country as varied and as beautiful as Cape Town. I also intend to really embrace and ingrain myself in the unique culture. I am set to shadow the four stages of production with eTV News in South Africa for a week each. After, that I will pick my favorite stage and work on that desk for the duration of my stay.</p>		

<p><b>Paula Munoz</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Claudelle David, Program Coordinator,  South Africa, Connect-123</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b>  Explore the clinical aspect of medicine as well as explore various medical tracts.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b>  Conduct independent research on an aspect of healthcare in South Africa</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b>  Learn and immerse myself in South African culture</p>
<p><b>Title:</b>  Groote Schuur Neurosurgery Department Intern</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>  Connect-123</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  I will be interning at the Groote Schuur Hospital in the Neurosurgery department in order to see the clinical side of medicine. I will also be conducting my own independent research analyzing Healthcare in South Africa.</p>		
<p><b>Blake O'Connor</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Maria Luz Giambartolomei  Ecuador Country Director</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b>  Attain "professional working proficiency (ILR 3)" in Spanish through homestays and personal and professional interaction with local participants.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b>  Develop thorough understanding of the MicroConsignment Model and aid strategies through analysis of current development solutions, use of Logic Model Framework, needs assessment practices, in-depth discussions about the MicroConsignment Model, analysis of micro-finance solutions,</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b>  Gain grassroots consulting experience through creating tailored training workshops and/or providing deliverables such as marketing resources and plans.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b>  Exploration Summer: Social Entrepreneur Corps' Social Impact Immersion in Ecuador</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Cuenca, Ecuador</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>  Social Entrepreneur Corps</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  As a Social Entrepreneur Corps intern in Ecuador this summer, I will empower women via the MicroConsignment Model, provide grassroots consulting to local NGOs and nonprofits organizations, organize education workshops for communities, and work to expand the market reach of artisans. My team and I will travel to rural/isolated villages in coastal, Andean, and Amazonian regions of Ecuador including Loja, Zamora, Riobamba, and Palmar. While working, I hope to become professionally fluent in Spanish and expand my cultural awareness.</p>		
<p><b>Michael Oliver</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Katya Wesolowski, PhD  Thompson Writing Program, Duke University</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b>  To become significantly more accomplished in the movements, singing and musical instruments of ABADA- Capoeira..</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b>  To be fluent in Portuguese.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b>  To understand somehow Brazilian politics, culture and history have contributed to the art of Capoeira.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b>  Capoeira Me Chama</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Rio De Janeiro, Brazil</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  This summer I wish to live and breathe Brazil. Specifically, Rio de Janeiro. I want to immerse myself completely in the culture, language, food, politics,</p>		

history and society of one of the world's most famous cities. In particular, I want to 'play' Capoeira which is a style of martial arts and dance which Brazil is renowned for.

This summer is about exploring the world of Capoeira in Brazil by immersing myself in it; body, mind and soul.

**Wilson Orr**

**Primary Advisor:**  
R. Wilson Orr III  
SSM Partners

**Title:**  
Laying a Foundation: My First Step Inside the Capital Markets

**Location(s):**  
London

**Organization(s):**  
Dream Careers

**Abstract:**  
Summer finance internship abroad in the city of London. Will be working for an investor relations firm to lay the foundation for my future career plans.

**Goal 1:**  
Daily take the initiative in the work place with a hands-on, focused mentality at every hour; come away with a sound understanding on how to "manage" up in the work place

**Goal 2:**  
Take the initiative to complete a specific project or assignment I can take sole ownership for seeking out and completing

**Goal 3:**  
Increase analytical skill and intuitive understanding of the market; sound proficiency with Bloomberg Terminals and functional finance uses through Excel .

**Thomas Pendlebury**

**Primary Advisor:**  
Mélanie Jouitteau  
IKER

**Title:**  
Field Linguistics Position, Douarnenez, France

**Location(s):** Douarnenez, France  
**Organization(s):** IKER

**Abstract:**  
I shall gloss a previously un glossed French dialectal variant spoken in Brittany that is heavily influenced by Breton. I have been assigned this project by Dr. Mélanie Jouitteau of the National Science Research Center (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-- CNRS), who researches Breton. I shall conduct this project in Douarnenez, a town on the coast of Brittany known for its particularly Breton flavor.

**Goal 1:**  
To communicate effectively in French at the level of competence required in a French academic workplace

**Goal 2:**  
To participate in the process of cutting-edge discovery in the linguistic sciences

**Jacob Robinson**

**Primary Advisor:**  
Alomir Hossain  
Executive Director, Banrural Grameen

**Goal 1:**  
Explore microlending firsthand through interaction with borrowers in the field

<p><b>Title:</b> Exploring Empowering the Impoverished through Microfinance</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Panajachel, Guatemala</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Banrural Grameen Guatemala</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will explore microlending firsthand by shadowing lenders and interacting with borrowers in the field. I will learn about non-profit administration and the Grameen Bank model by working in the office. I will pursue conversational fluency in Spanish.</p>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b> Learn about non-profit administration</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Pursue conversational fluency in Spanish</p>	
<p><b>Stefanie Schwemlein</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Christine Boyle, Finance Analyst, Environmental Finance Center (UNC School of Government)</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> To study the environmental and health effects of human resettlement and forced migration along the Yangtze River Basin in southern China as a result of the South-North Water Transfer Project</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> To provide me with experience in research and organizational skills necessary to design and implement such a project. It will also serve as the basis of a thesis paper.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Health effects of resettlement and the Chinese South-North Water Transfer Project</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The goal of this project is to study the environmental and health effects of human resettlement and forced migration along the Yangtze River Basin as a result of the South-North Water Transfer Project. It will fulfill this goal through: (1) a thorough literature review of the health system of China; (2) a background search of political motivations for the project (literature search and interviews); and (3) an accumulation of personal experiences of the displaced locals (interviews).</p>		
<p><b>Robert Sewell</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Patrick Ermlich, CEO and Co-Founder of Modern Vintage Records</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Gain a complete understanding of the process that goes into creating a successful album.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Understand how business is conducted in the music industry and see how the skills I am learning in the Kenan-Flagler Business School apply to this dynamic field.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Exploring the Music Industry</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> New York City</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be working at a small record label in New York to gain first hand experience in how business is conducted in the music industry from both the recording and management sides of the industry.</p>		
<p><b>Caitilin Slattery</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Tom Wanty, Partner Oliver Wyman</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> My primary goal this summer is to learn. Mr. Wanty (interview, etc.) is as excited to</p>

<p><b>Title:</b> Oliver Wyman Exploration Summer</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b></p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Oliver Wyman Consulting</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>I have a unique opportunity to explore financial services consulting at Oliver Wyman. My primary task will be assisting OW partner Tom Wanty with establishing a partner development program. While this project may not appear to be exploratory at first, my intent is not to posit myself for a specific job but rather to explore what type of job I want to pursue; not only will this summer open doors, it will help me sort out which door to open.</p>		<p>mentor/teach as I am to learn, an interaction all-too-fleeting for aspiring young professionals.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Second, I hope to understand better the issues an organization such as OW face as well as the some of the challenges the individuals working there confront.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Finally, I hope to immerse myself in British society. To me, the ability to maneuver a foreign environment is imperative to a young adult's arsenal: living abroad provides an opportunity to practice that skill.</p>
<p><b>Daniel Strunk</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Craig Bennett, Director of Policy and Campaigns, Friends of the Earth (EWNI)</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Gain the ability to discuss and delineate the differences between the U.S. and UK Governments in an educated fashion.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Become a partial expert on environmental issues.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Experience first hand how “the sausage is made”—aka how ideas become laws</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Daniel's Summer of Awesomeness in London</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> London</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Friends of the Earth (EWNI) Oliver Wyman Consulting</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>I will work for an NGO, Friends of the Earth, which has its headquarters for its England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Branch in London. This will build upon my interests in governmental work.</p> <p>I will also work for Oliver Wyman Financial Consulting's branch in London. This will build upon my interest in finance, consulting, and economics.</p>		
<p><b>Colin Ward</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Jason Cross, Duke University</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> I will improve Spanish language skills. I will be immersed in the Spanish language both through my job placement and general living situation.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Establish professional and personal contacts. I will strengthen my relationship with my mentor Jason Cross and the directors of International Partners. I will also establish connections within the Ministry of Health.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Rural and Urban Health Perspectives in El Salvador</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> San Salvador, El Salvador</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>I will intern for seven weeks with the El Salvadoran Ministry of Health in San Salvador - help them as they create a National Medicine Directorate (like our FDA) to regulate the pharmaceutical industry. I will spend three weeks leading a service delegation of high school students in a rural community in Cabañas.</p>		
<p><b>Kat Zhang</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Marianna Torgovnick</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> To gain knowledge and experience in the journalism industry (specifically news</p>

	Duke University	<p>magazines), to carry out substantial editorial responsibilities, to create connections that may lead to a post-graduate job</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> To work at an innovative and rapidly growing non-profit in China, to practice language skills, to learn more about migrant worker situation in a major metropolitan area (Beijing) and its human impact.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> To research family history in the hopes of later culminating in a Creative Writing Distinction Thesis my senior year</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> NY Mag Internship (NYC) + Compassion for Migrant Children Internship (Beijing)</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> New York City and Beijing</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> New York Magazine + Compassion for Migrant Children</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This proposal delineates a three-pronged summer experience that encompasses (1) a journalism internship, (2) a volunteer opportunity with Chinese migrant children, and (3) a personal and academic opportunity to do thesis-related research on my own Chinese family. Admittedly, all three objectives will make my summer quite busy, but the latter two can be interwoven during my time in China.</p>		
<p><b>Angela Zhou</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Dr. Lori Leachman Duke University, Program II advisor</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> - To understand the issues entertainment firms face that cannot be resolved within their own departments and why they outsource them consulting firms.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> - To understand the intricacies in the film production process from picking scripts and financing, to producing and marketing</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> From NYC to LA: Two Frontiers of the Entertainment Industry</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> New York City and Los Angeles</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Fahrenheit 212</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Currently, my hypothesis is that the area I will have the most impact is in the entertainment industry – what I consider to be the tool with the widest sphere of cultural influence in contemporary global society.</p> <p>My goal for the exploration summer is to test my hypothesis through two internships in different sectors of the entertainment industry and to gain a better understanding of how my passions translate into “the real world”.</p>		
<p><b>Alex Zhu</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Maria Kobe Technical Specialist - Ergo Consulting</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> I have always wanted to make some kind of meaningful impact using my degree, and</p>

<p><b>Title:</b> Ergo Consulting Power Systems Internship</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Auckland, New Zealand</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Ergo Consulting</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be interning at Ergo Consulting, a power and control systems consultancy in Auckland, New Zealand. My primary goals are to gain experience in the engineering industry and learn more about the electrical industry in New Zealand. I will also aim to learn more about the power systems area of electrical engineering.</p>	<p>so I am hoping that my work will be able to directly impact the industry.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> In my studies, I have mostly covered a lot of theory, and would like a platform where I can apply my knowledge to real life situations.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> In addition to the work experience, I would also like to spend more time with my family, which is the primary reason for my return to New Zealand.</p>
<p><b>Zack Zlatev</b></p> <p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Michelle Reeve, GE Capital, FP&amp;A</p> <p><b>Title:</b> GE Energy Financial Management Program Intern</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Florence, Italy</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> GE Energy's Oil and Gas headquarters</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be interning at GE Energy's Oil and Gas headquarters in Florence, Italy. This is as a Financial Management Program intern in their Financial Planning &amp; Analysis division. I plan on this experience to further my energy finance knowledge, develop my quantitative skills, and offer me a window into Italian culture and European markets.</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Get insights into energy finance that can help in deciding if energy and/or finance are routes I want to explore further (as a business/econ double major pursuing Duke's Energy &amp; Environment certificate).</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Learn how a Fortune 100 company functions. I have never had experience in a large or publicly traded firm and this can help me determine how much startups match my personality.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Gain a working understanding of European markets and what working abroad is like. I am particularly interested in understanding macroeconomic indicators along with work culture. &gt;3 meetings with local experts will aid this.</p>