

## *OIC Special Assistant-Intern-Volunteer Testimonials*

*“Working with the OIC was an amazing experience. I received one on one mentoring and advice from the President and learned more about non-profit organizations and goal setting. I was able to hone my speaking abilities as well as increase my experience researching high ranking officials and the issues facing their governments. I became more confident in myself through this whole process. I would highly recommend this internship to any political science, human rights, or international relations student. I will always value my time working for the OIC.”*

*-Cathryn Sterry*

*"As a volunteer for the Organization for International Cooperation, I have had the great privilege and opportunity to participate with men and women from the diplomatic community at the United Nations, engaging in questions such as “What will it take to cooperate at an international level to bring about real change versus business as usual”. The Organization for International Cooperation gives volunteers an opportunity to know oneself as a global citizen engaged in making a global difference. From being a volunteer for the organization, I have a new appreciation for what is possible for all of us as a result of global cooperation."*

*-Armand DiCarlo, Former New York Center Manager, Landmark Education*

*"Being Special Assistant to the President of the Organization for International Cooperation has been a transformational and enlightening experience. I have had the honor to meet and speak to employees of the Department of State as well as foreign embassies in Washington, DC to inform them of the groundbreaking possibilities offered by OIC's affiliated consultants. I feel that my efforts to advocate for breakthroughs in diplomacy today will result in the prevention of widespread warfare tomorrow."*

*-Ryan Ellard, George Washington University*

*“I started to realize that I am one of those people who really wants to contribute myself to the world's development. So I am now taking courses related to human rights as well as poverty and welfare. My internship with OIC changed my thinking in many different ways. At first, I didn't know what I was doing and I didn't know if I was on the right track, but OIC gave me a chance to think about non-profit organizations as well as world peace more seriously.”*

*- Jae Nam, New York University*

*“My time with the Organization for International Cooperation could not have been more valuable as I learned valuable lessons regarding conflict resolution and peace-building initiatives. This experience was more than a mere internship - it was an opportunity to realize the importance of building and sustaining key relationships in order to collaboratively achieve realistic goals across various international issues, from human trafficking to nuclear proliferation.*

*Even the smallest of actions can create monumental impacts; as a volunteer with the Organization for International Cooperation, it was rewarding to know that I was contributing to finding diplomatic solutions to global dilemmas.”*

*- Melanie Lin, University of California - Los Angeles*

*I joined OIC to increase my understanding of non-profit organizations. As time has gone by I got more than I bargained for which has been a good thing. I like the fact that everyone has an active role to play and that we receive continual mentoring from the Project Coordinator. It is also interesting how OIC is in a constant state of improving its material, outreach methods and mission strategy. Being a part of a ground breaking foreign relations project, it is gratifying to be part of history in the making. Being a 3rd year student at the University of Ottawa, I realized some of the tasks were applicable to my school work.*

*For example my work on Op-ed submissions, recruitment of team members and now my research on human trafficking work being done by other non-governmental organizations.. The experience so far has been tremendous.*

*-Bolanle Adekunle*

*“The Special Assistant internship at the Organization for International Cooperation opened me up to the many diverse challenges of our world. Through research and outreach, I had the opportunity to learn more about the complexities and dilemmas of international relations, and how we could all help in building a simpler, safer, and overall better global community.*

*It was also an amazing experience where I had the chance to meet and work with many extraordinary people. It was a great honor to work for an organization that truly stayed true to its mission of promoting global peace and resolution, and I hope to return soon.”*

*-Yonathan Teclu, Georgetown University*

*“Working for the Organization for International Cooperation (OIC) has been very gratifying experience. It has provided me with the hands-on opportunity to participate in reaching to foreign government officials and network on behalf of the organization. This position also allowed me to take on further responsibilities as Task Coordinator and manage the efforts of my team of Special Assistants.*

*My time with OIC not only granted me the chance to engage with government officials from a variety of countries but also to grow professionally and become confident in my ability to communicate, organize and supervise my teammates. I would highly recommend the OIC Special Assistant Internship to anybody seeking to gain valuable work experience in an engaging international organization that would allow them to directly contribute to global cooperation and diplomacy.”*

*-Jesus Sanchez, University of Colorado*

*Being back in Paris and starting a Master in International Security, I am very inspired by everything I learned in OIC. I will remember all that Mr. Keiser told me about his view of how international relations could be carried out, and will do everything I can to apply it in every appropriate situation. I have found it incredible working under somebody with such a passion to properly solve and negotiate the world’s most vital international issues.*

*Thanks to this internship, I had the opportunity be in contact with numerous French and Canadian diplomats and officials, got to learn how to gain the support of such important people, and I also got to be part of an international team and guide some of the new interns. Having been promoted from Special*

*Assistant to Senior Assistant was a great reward and source of motivation. It was truly incredible working for OIC and I definitely want to use everything I learned from this experience in my future endeavors.*

*-Lucile Duquesne, Sciences Po, Paris*