

Observer Research Foundation: Shaping Geopolitical Insight

During my internship at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), I had the unique opportunity to dive deep into the complex world of Asia-Pacific geopolitical and economic issues. Working alongside experienced policy analysts and undergraduates from UC Berkeley and UCLA, I was tasked with researching pivotal topics that shaped international relations in the region.

One of my primary responsibilities involved analyzing key policy documents and drafting detailed reports that contributed to strategic planning for policymakers. I conducted in-depth research on emerging economic trends and security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, sharpening my analytical skills and expanding my understanding of international policy frameworks.

I also played an active role in collaborating with my fellow interns, exchanging diverse perspectives and contributing to team-based projects. My ability to synthesize complex information and present it in a clear, actionable format earned recognition from my supervisors, who noted that I was the youngest intern yet demonstrated a maturity beyond my years.

The highlight of my experience was presenting a set of findings to a panel of senior analysts, proposing recommendations for future policy directions. This achievement boosted my confidence in both my research and communication skills, as I learned to present compelling arguments in a professional environment.

My time at ORF not only deepened my understanding of geopolitics but also taught me valuable lessons in research methodology, strategic thinking, and the importance of global collaboration in addressing pressing issues. This internship solidified my passion for international relations and the impact thoughtful policymaking can have on global peace and development.