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Why I decided to come to IIX-Shujog

1) Strongly believed in the mission of the organization
2) Wanted to gain experience in the work environment
3) Asian-cultural immersion
My Experiences as an Apprentice

- I worked on three key assignments during my apprenticeship, including:
  - 1) IIX Growth Fund
  - 2) Case Study on a particular Social Enterprise
  - 3) Impact Quarterly
IIX Growth Fund

- Worked alongside the fund team in discussing the investment pipeline
- Evaluated social enterprises and the prospect of providing them with an investment
- Researched the macroeconomic environments of several southeast Asian countries
- Got to listen in on many calls with the Fund team and the Corporate Finance team

Sources: StartupCompete
What I Took Away from my Experience Here

1) Learned a lot about the impact investing space as well as the economic landscape of Southeast Asia, both of which I was not very familiar with.

2) Able to work with several different teams and was able to hear and appreciate different perspectives and angles.

3) Gained first-hand experience listening in on calls and having to set up interviews for my case study.

4) Learned a lot about Singapore and its unique culture.

5) Made a lot of friendships.
1) Before joining IIX & Shujog, I understood very little about impact investing. However, after the experience, I can now see myself definitely working in the space in the near future.

2) I hope to one day work in Asia, maybe Singapore, at some point in my life.

3) I plan on staying in touch with my colleagues and supervisors from the experience and continue following the incredible work the company will continue to do.
Thank you!