IIP Presentation
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Most Rewarding Aspect

- The subject of the work

I was doing social science research, which included work on in-group/out-group (Muslim and Hindu, in this case) tensions and police attitudes toward victims of domestic violence.

Both of these issues were very timely and applicable to India. I found them fascinating and also very important.
This is me experiencing the Ganesh Chaturthi festival (in traditional dress), an annual event popular in Maharashtra that honors Ganesh, a Hindi god.
Work Responsibilities

The work that I did covered several areas of projects, including:

- Subject recruitment for various projects
- Presentations for local college students
- Literature analysis
- Research on and outreach to local organizations
This is me enjoying some food from a local restaurant
Impact of Experience

This experience was very valuable to me personally and professionally.

I learned a great deal about traveling and living independently. I navigated to Mumbai from Pune by myself, which was a big learning experience.

I also grew a great deal professionally and improved on things such as communication, formal meetings, networking, and attitude.
This is me with an Arabic-style mehndi, or henna
impact on academic goals

my work experience really helped me to confirm my interest in public policy. social science research is an important part of policy development and i really enjoyed learning about the ins and outs of cess's research.

i also learned a lot about behavioral economics, which will be very useful in my coursework.
Conclusion

I learned a lot through this experience and I am glad that I went. My time in India allowed me to experience traveling independently and fulfilling work responsibilities.

I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue this internship. I appreciated the chance to immerse myself in the amazing country and rich culture.