CONNOR STAGGS ’18
IIP PLACEMENT: CESS INDIA
WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Varied on a daily and weekly basis, but common tasks included:

• Designing interactive presentations about CESS research interests for presentation to potential experimental subjects

• Working closely with visiting researchers to conduct background work & design subject materials for research projects

• Attending regular team meetings to help workshop projects in terms of theory, design, & methodology

• Occasional travel to local institutions/NGOs for meetings and interviews
FLAME University campus in Pune, where CESS India is located
MOST REWARDING ASPECTS

• Opportunity to partake in the design of experimental work in the social sciences with real-world implications

• Ability to see the inner workings of the research process within the social sciences, at an academic facility, and in India

• Wide range of job tasks and the freedom to approach them as I saw best

• Close-knit, supportive team of colleagues at CESS that encourages a collaborative work environment
A view of the CESS India experiments lab, with space for up to 30 participants at once.
Helped develop a series of presentations related to CESS India’s research that will be used to recruit participants for experiments

- Designed subject-facing materials for use in ongoing research projects
- Established contact between the organization and local NGOs relevant to current projects
With coworkers and campus interns outside of work
• The internship helped clarify my interest in a research-focused career related to development.

• Additionally has led me to consider new topics and methods for my senior thesis.

• I recommend an internship at CESS to anyone with interests in social/economic/political research, due to their focus on rigorous experimental methodology and diversity of research topics.