The Stavros Niarchos Foundation in Athens, Greece

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THE ORGANIZATION (EST. 1996)

- Private international philanthropic foundation
- Named after Greek shipping magnate whose estate helped form the foundation
- Offices in Athens, Monte Carlo, and NYC

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THE WORK

- Researching grantees in areas of education, sports & health, arts & culture, and social welfare
- Drafting grant proposals
- Writing web paragraphs for SNF website
- Visiting sites associated with grants
- “Best practices” social media research for Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center
THE ENVIRONMENT
REWARDING ASPECTS

- Learning more about the nonprofit world
- Seeing how a philanthropic organization functions and operates
- Visiting the construction site of the SNFCC, various museums, and a think tank
An orange-shaped stress ball from ORANGE GROVE, a Greek-Dutch think tank funded by the SNF
Helped SNF decide whether to reject or approve potential grants through extensive research

Study of social media practices will shape the social media strategy of the SNFCC in the years to come
BENEFITS
THE IMPACT OF MY EXPERIENCE

➤ ACADEMICS
My time in Greece cemented my resolve to pursue the **Certificate in Hellenic Studies** and provided context for my studies on the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East in the Department of History.

➤ CAREER
I gained a lot of valuable knowledge on the nonprofit world and philanthropic organizations in general. I was previously uncertain about the viability of careers in these sectors.
CONCLUDING REMARKS

- This internship afforded an incredible opportunity to see philanthropy in action during a severe economic crisis.
- Greece is a beautiful country with a fascinating history—from classical antiquity to the Byzantine period, from the Ottoman Empire to the modern Greek state.
Scenic beaches along the coastline
Archaeological sights galore
The sun sets on Corfu