Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Athens, Greece

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The Stavros Niarchos Foundation: Basics

- Leading private international philanthropic organization with offices in Greece, Monaco, and NYC

- Provides grants to non-profits in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare

- Initiatives include *Grants Against the Greek Crisis*, a grant program aimed at alleviating the effects of Greece’s current socioeconomic struggles, and *Recharging the Youth*, an effort to improve employment opportunities for Greece’s young people.
Work description

- Research of potential grantees
- Research of best practices in arts and education programs
- Draft grant proposals
- Grant description paragraphs for website
- Social media research for Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (currently under construction)

The SNF building
The workplace

Meeting room

Office area
Most rewarding aspects

- Seeing the philanthropic process in action
- Learning about innovative non-profits
- Visits to grantee sites
- Participating in a powerful, well-organized foundation making real change
The view from our floor
My impact on the organization

- Gathered information on potential grantees and made recommendations relating to grant awards

- Helped SNF to consider potential arts and education initiatives which could assist those affected by Greece’s economic crisis

- Presented SNF with a proposal comprised of detailed research and concrete suggestions regarding social media efforts to promote its upcoming cultural center
In our free time...
Impact on my academic choices and career plans

**Academics:**
- Living in Greece renewed my interest in the country and has made me consider incorporating the Greek language into my studies as a comparative literature major.

**Career plans:**
- The internship opened my eyes to the many possibilities related to the non-profit world and has made me interested in working for an organization like SNF or for an arts-related non-profit, perhaps abroad.
Conclusion

- At SNF, it was enriching to work with an organization whose staff—at this branch—is Greek, but whose scope is international.
- I was inspired to see the opportunities and hope the foundation provided to society, particularly in the context of the Greek financial crisis.