Saathi Internship Opportunities through MIT-India

About Saathi
Saathi is a social enterprise started by MIT and IIT alumni. Our goal is to provide low-cost and eco-friendly sanitary protection to rural Indian women, many of whom currently miss work or school because of their lack of access to it. We aim to do this by using processed banana fibre, an agricultural waste product, as the base for our pads, and employing rural women to manufacture and distribute the pads, thus also providing them with an additional source of income.

www.saathipads.com

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Saathi’s Connection to MIT-India
Amrita Saigal ’10, co-founder and COO of Saathi, is an alumna of MIT and MIT-India. Grace Kane ’11 co-founded Saathi when she went to India for 6 months at Saathi’s inception. Since then, she’s done prototyping, performed research, and made great connections with NGOs and suppliers. Grace is still with Saathi, now as the CTO. Kristin Kagetsu ’12, another co-founder, came to India with MIT-India to work for Avani and was inspired by her experience to return in April 2014 to join Saathi. She is now CEO and leads ground operations.

“MISTI was a fantastic experience not only because of this project, but because of the opportunity to learn about living and working in a different culture.” – Grace Kane, ’11

See information about internships on the next page...
Two Internships Available!
If you want to learn more or apply for either internship, please e-mail saathi@saathipads.com.

Saathi Summer Internship -- Description
We are looking for a candidate to join our team who will take on several short projects to improve our product. These will involve:

1. Experimental design: Designing, executing and reporting on several experiments and bench-level prototypes to improve the design of our product and process.
2. Market research: Carrying out surveys, user research and user-testing studies, mainly with women in rural areas of India.

The internship will be located in the states of Gujarat & Maharashtra, and will involve internal travel in these states.

Qualifications
- Experience in experimental design
- Experience in bench-testing and rough prototyping
- Be flexible in their work and adapt easily to new challenges and situations

Preferred Skills:
- Background in either mechanical, electrical, civil or chemical engineering
- Experience in user-testing
- Experience working in an international development context

Logistics
The typical expected work schedule will be 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday. Saathi can arrange accommodation and required internal travel.
**Saathi Year-Long Internship -- Description**

We are seeking an intern to join our operations team in India for 1 year. The internship will be located in the states of Gujarat & Maharashtra, and will involve internal travel in these states. The successful candidate will take a key role in the on-the-ground operation of the business. Their role will involve the following: overseeing the setup of new business units, working on continuous improvement of our product & manufacturing process, and improving and expanding our market and supply chain. Since we are a small start-up company in our early stages, the role may evolve according to Saathi’s changing requirements and direction during the year, so a successful candidate must be prepared to take on new tasks and challenges as and when they arise.

**Qualifications**

The successful candidate will:

- Have an interest and some experience in manufacturing & business management
- Be able to demonstrate organizational and leadership skills
- Be flexible in their work and adapt easily to new challenges and situations

**Preferred skills:**

- Technical background in mechanical, electrical, civil or chemical engineering
- Experience in an international development setting

**Logistics**

The typical expected work schedule will be 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday, however there will be the opportunity to arrange time off for travel during the year.

Saathi can arrange accommodation and required internal travel for work.