Student Engagement Opportunities

The Center for International Development (CID) cultivates and supports interest in international development at all academic levels. All Harvard students have the opportunity to engage directly with CID staff, faculty, and practitioners through seminar series, research funding, internships, hands-on programs, and special events.



The CID Student Ambassador Program

Offers Harvard graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to contribute to and embody CID's mission. They are selected annually in the fall and are chosen for their commitment to help amplify research and lead programming.

The CID Student Research Scholar Program Matches undergraduate and graduate Harvard students with research projects led by CID's Faculty and PhD Students. This program provides an opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience working on a research project in international development.

Experiential Learning opportunities

Provided through summer internships with CID faculty and research programs, global international development organizations, and funding self-selected internships on a competitive basis to first-year HKS MPA/ID students.

Travel Research Stipends

Awarded on a competitive basis to HKS Masters students who travel over the January break (J-Term for policy analysis research in international development).

CID Speaker Series & Career Chats

Brings academics and practitioners from various disciplines and organizations in international development to speak on current issues, their organization's recent work, and/or their own work experience. Following the Speaker series events, students can engage in Career Chats with the speaker to ask questions and discuss career goals.

Global Empowerment Meeting (GEM)

CID's annual flagship conference convenes the world's leading researchers and practitioners in international development to address a pressing development challenge. Students can volunteer to support day-of conference activities, participate in our Road to GEM series, or help plan conference programming.

Study Groups

Each semester CID offers Study Groups to provide students with an opportunity to dive into a topic often not offered in standard curriculum with CID researchers and practitioners. Study groups vary each semester.

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