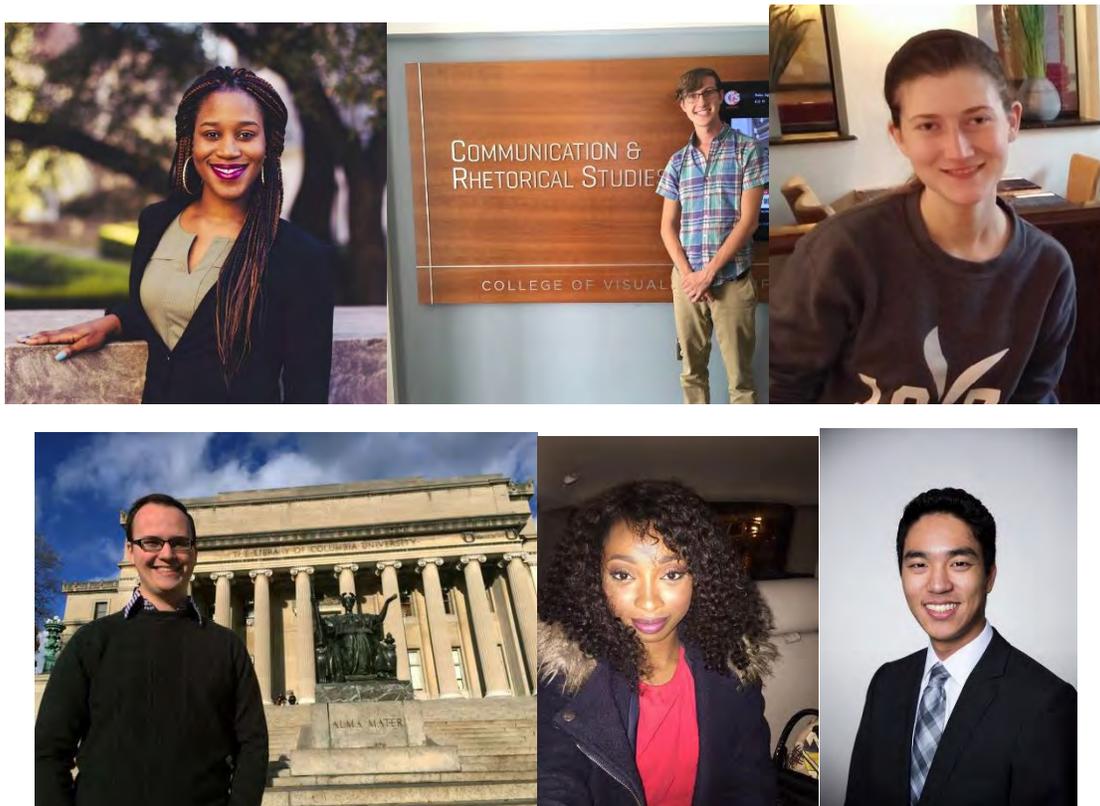




2016-2017 IE Graduate School Placement



Below is a report of where some of our graduating IE Pre Grad interns and IE Kuhn Scholars have been accepted and will attend graduate and law school starting in the fall of 2017. Included as well are a few student statements about the role played by IE.

Brianna K Barry (Johns Hopkins- Biochemistry, Cellular, and Molecular Biology PhD program)
Meagan Waldrip (English PhD program, University of Washington)
Andrew Arriaga (UT, Counseling Psychology PhD program)
Priscille Kazadi (UT, Law)
Nicholas James (London School of Economics, Government)
Aaron Chou (Duke, Law)
Shelbi Polvado (UT-Dallas, Communication Sciences and Disorders)
Brandon Daniels (Syracuse, Rhetoric)
Daniel Resler (Columbia, Law)
Carolyn Widen (Social Work, UT)
Rachel Adeoye (Vanderbilt, Nursing)
Micaela Jade Piña (Columbia, Law)
Sharon Alice Joseph (Georgetown, Law)
Amber Renae Perry (UT, Social Work)
Anahi Bendeck (UT, Community and Regional Planning)
Quyen Do (UT, Educational Psychology)
Cole Ryberg (English PhD program, SMU)
Heather Grosenbacher (UT-Dallas, Communication Sciences and Disorders)
Marisa Ortega (UT, Social Work)

“The IE Program provided me with invaluable experience as I prepared my graduate school applications, allowing me to gain skills that made me a far more competitive candidate. As an IE intern, I gained firsthand experience in both academic and research settings and learned more about the graduate school experience directly from a current, thriving student and a highly-esteemed faculty member. Without my direct exposure to research methods, scientific writing, and the inner-workings of academia in the program, I do not feel that I would have been as adequately prepared to succeed in the graduate school application and interview processes. As I currently prepare to enter a Ph.D. program this fall, I am immensely grateful to the IE program for the preparation it provided me during a very hectic, but deeply rewarding time!” (Andrew Arriaga)

"Participating in the IE program was great because it put me in contact with a mentor who quickly became a friend as well. It was nice to openly talk to someone who had recently been through the application process for law school, and could offer advice from a personal perspective. The IE program gave me the opportunity to sit in on a class at the law school, cultivate valuable relationships with experts in the legal field, and to learn essential skills that would make the transition to law school a little easier." (Priscille Kazadi)

"I really benefitted from the IE-Law School mentoring program. No one in my family is in this field, and I'm also new to the US. The guidance of my mentor helped so much because I was initially so overwhelmed. Truth be told, Georgetown is my dream law school and I was really reaching (My LSAT scores were far below the median). But my mentor guided me to craft my essays and application and I got in. I'm beyond happy. Thank you for running this program. It really shaped my future and that's not even an exaggeration. Thank you!!!"(Sharon Alice Joseph)

"IE is a remarkable program that has allowed me to build a connection with an exceptional mentor who is an expert in her field. Most importantly, it has given me the opportunity to learn, shadow, and cultivate the necessary skills to be successful in graduate school. Without IE, attending Vanderbilt would have been just a dream." (Rachel Adeoye)

"My IE experience undoubtedly allowed me to better position myself to stand out amongst the highly qualified applicants for the Community and Regional Planning program. As I look back to my time as an IE Architecture intern, I recall conversations with my mentor and the workload I was exposed to – not only did I get a glance into graduate school, but I (unlike most IE interns) realized that my true passion is City Planning, and not Architecture. The IE program was the first step towards my end goal, which was being admitted to the UTSOA Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning. I have to admit, every day I wonder where I'd be both professionally and academically if I had not been part of the IE program, as the exposure to graduate school and the mentoring have significantly influenced many of the goals I've set for my future." (Anahi Bendeck)

"My IE experience was one of the main factors in solidifying my decision to go to graduate school in social work. My undergraduate degree was in communication, so I didn't have exposure to social work unless I sought it out. Having a mentor made it possible for me to ask any and all of the questions that were fundamental in my decision making process. I also

learned what graduate school looked like specifically for someone getting an MSSW.” (Amber Perry)

“I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to be an IE intern. I believe that my achievement could not have been made without the knowledge and experiences I have gained from the program.” (Quyên Do)

“Thank you for the opportunities the IE Program offered to help me achieve my goals.” (Heather Grosenbacher)

“The IE program allowed my research interests and abilities to flourish. I had worked on research projects previously, but the internship allowed me to work more closely with my graduate student mentor and my PI. These relationships were critical to my development as a researcher. As a Kuhn Scholar and IE travel grant recipient, I could present my research at my first national conference. Now, I’ve been accepted into the Biochemistry, Cellular, and Molecular Biology PhD program at Johns Hopkins University, located in the very same city as that conference from years ago!” (Brianna Barry)

“The IE Pre Grad Internship gave me a head start on learning about law school. I was in the unique position of knowing that I wanted to attend law school, but the program helped me learn what was really important when deciding where to go. They matched me with a 3L at Texas Law who was completely open to telling me everything she wish she had known, and she even stayed in touch and edited my Personal Statement after the internship. I will be attending Duke University School of Law next fall, and I would say this internship is great for both those who are deciding if grad school is right for them and those who are certain that's where they are headed.” (Aaron Chou)

“Overall, my experience in the IE program was very helpful—I learned a lot. The IE program inspired me to become a mentor when I am in grad school. I come from a low income area in Dallas, Texas. Growing up my family could barely make ends meet and college was out of the question for me. It took many years but I made the decision to make the sacrifices I needed to go to college. I am the first of my family to attend college, which makes my family very proud. I am setting an example for my nephew by showing him that college is not out of the question, no matter where you come from. My ultimate goal when I finish school is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I aim to work with all types of populations and advocate for the disability population. Ultimately, I want to be happy in life while helping disadvantaged populations find their happiness and reach many of their goals. My college experiences have made me the

person I am today and I am so grateful that I was able to receive a higher education, despite all of the odds.” (Marisa Ortega)

The IE Pre Graduate Internship ultimately helped me gain the confidence to apply to graduate school by giving me a deeper understanding of the master’s program as a whole and whether or not it was right for me. I learned everything that I would need for my application, as well as all other logistics such as financial aid and degree/course requirements. This made applying to graduate school seem much less intimidating to me because I already had so much prior knowledge before I even began the application process. Additionally, my mentor was actually one of my academic references, which greatly strengthened my application as well. The flexibility of the graduate internship allowed me to focus on the parts of graduate school that confused me the most, and my mentor and I were able to tailor my internship to my specific needs. I highly recommend this internship program to those who are considering graduate school in the future.” (Carolyn Widen)

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“My experience with UT's Intellectual Entrepreneurship program helped me to define my research interests both as an undergraduate and as an applicant to graduate school. Furthermore, the program and mentorship gave me a valuable glimpse into the rigors of

graduate work, and led me to more realistically assess my own strengths and weaknesses as a student.” (Cole Ryberg)