



**MAC**

MACALESTER SUMMER  
INTERNSHIP GRANT

**2019 RECIPIENTS**

# PROGRAM INFORMATION

Summer internships offer robust learning/work experiences that help students advance their academic interests and careers. Unfortunately, a number of great internships are unpaid, and therefore not an option for many students with limited financial resources. To help address this, the Macalester Summer Internship Grant (MSIG) program was created to offer financial support for students to do full and part-time 10-week long internships anywhere in the world. Now in its fifth year, the 2019 program awarded grants to 39 students, primarily those with significant financial need, to help defray living expenses for the duration of the unpaid internship (i.e. housing, travel, food, etc.). Grants of \$5000 were awarded for full time internships, and half grants of \$2500 were awarded for part-time internships or for interns whose housing was provided (e.g. living at home).

Internships are registered for academic credit, supported academically by a Macalester faculty sponsor and administratively by Career Exploration. The students' internships were monitored and assessed throughout the summer to ensure the learning experiences developed appropriately and positively. Students were asked to reflect on their experience through a final paper and poster shared at a public presentation in the fall of 2019.



# 2019 Grant Recipients



**Chihiro Aita '21**  
Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle  
Seattle, WA



**Malia Becker '20**  
Casa Alitas Program  
Tucson, AZ



**Camilla Bendetti '20**  
The Beta Group  
Minneapolis, MN



**Grace Brickner '20**  
Science Museum of Minnesota  
St. Paul, MN



**Emma Carray '20**  
US Mission to the Kingdom of Belgium  
Brussels, Belgium



**Amalia Chiapperino '20**  
Immigrant Law Center of MN  
St. Paul, MN

**Melisa "Pere" Letayian '20**  
Kenya Medical Research Institute

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*Being in the classroom is a good starting point but being on the ground and practically working through the challenges makes the issues in public health more real and thus more urgent.*

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**Aditi Dalela '20**  
Marjorie Kovler Center  
Chicago, IL



**Max Danielewicz '19**  
Breakthrough San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA



**Juan Diaz '22**  
St. Paul Neighborhood Network  
St. Paul, MN



**Phoebe Fu '21**  
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory  
St. Paul, MN



**Karinna Gerhardt '20**  
Jordan National Red Crescent Society  
Amman, Jordan



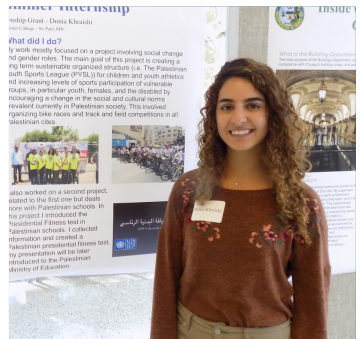
**Sophia Hays '20**  
U.S. Department of State  
Paris, France



**Katherine Herrick '22**  
Atlas Corps  
Washington, DC



**Elinor Jones '21**  
Minnesota Fringe Festival  
Minneapolis, MN



**Donia Khraishi '21**  
United Nation Development Program  
Ramallah, Palestine



**Aberdeen Morrow '22**  
**Office of Congressman Dean Phillips**

“ This internship opened doors to me that I didn't know existed. I was given opportunities that challenged my understanding of class and privilege and my plans for my career and vocation, filled gaps in my classroom understanding of our government, and exposed me to many of the problems in the United States' political system. ”



**Alexander Komanoff '20**  
Neighborhood House  
St. Paul, MN



**Charlie Lam-Lu '22**  
Office of Governor Tim Walz  
St. Paul, MN



**Alison Lange '21**  
City of Chicago Sustainability Office  
Chicago, IL



**Melisa "Pere" Letayian '20**  
Kenya Medical Research Institute  
Kisumu, Kenya



**Jack Levin '21**  
The Fowler Museum at UCLA  
Los Angeles, CA



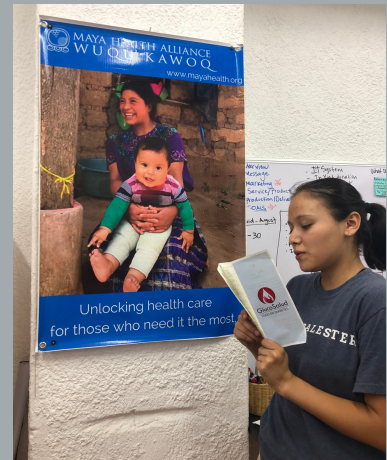
**Natalie Luo '20**  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Boston, MA

**Stefani Westby '22**  
**Wuqu' Kawoq - Maya Health Alliance**

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*It was truly life changing. I am now strongly considering psychology/psychiatry for women who have been victims of abuse, specifically in Latin America, as a career path. This is probably the closest I have gotten to finding a vocation that I truly feel passionate about.*

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**Amelia Medina Blanco '22**  
Friends for a Nonviolent World  
St. Paul, MN



**Aberdeen Morrow '22**  
Office of Congressman Dean Phillips  
Washington, DC



**Rodrigo Ortiz '21**  
Catholic Charities  
Houston, TX



**Olivia Scott '20**  
**Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN**



*If I had to summarize my time as a Nurseries Assistant for the WRC [Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota], I could simply say 'my dream job'. The work feels meaningful, gratifying, and challenging, and I'm beyond grateful that I had this grant to be able to afford the work that I have done.*



**Jose Perez '22**  
 Center of Cleaner Production  
 Guatemala City, Guatemala

**Olivia Scott '20**  
 Wildlife Rehabilitation Center  
 Roseville, MN

**Amalia Chiapperino '20**  
**Immigrant Law Center of MN**



**Nicole Pires '20**  
 The Advocates for Human Rights  
 Minneapolis, MN

**Jacob Simpson '20**  
 World Without Genocide  
 St. Paul, MN

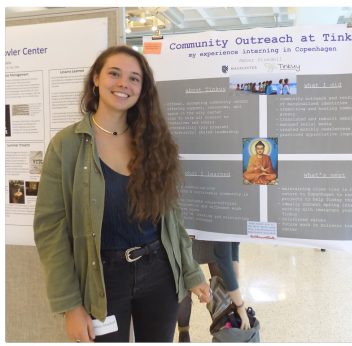


*In addition to a clearer sense of academic purpose, I feel more confident in my own analytical skills, my assertiveness, and my ability to connect with clients, even in high-pressure circumstances.*



**Sy Schimberg '22**  
 Killing My Lobster  
 San Francisco, CA

**Elika Somani '22**  
 International Centre for Diarrhoeal  
 Disease, Dhaka, Bangladesh



**Amber Stuedell '20**  
Tinkuy Spiritual Fitness Center  
Copenhagen, Denmark



**Mai Moua Thao '22**  
St. Paul Neighborhood Network  
St. Paul, MN



**Ana Thompson '20**  
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare  
St. Paul, MN



**Cooper Tunac '21**  
Cornerstone Advocacy  
Minneapolis, MN



**Stefani Westby '22**  
Wuqu' Kawoq - Maya Health Alliance  
Antigua, Guatemala



**Magdalyn Wick '20**  
Minnesota Department of Health  
St. Paul, MN



**Katie Woodhouse '21**  
Wilderness Inquiry  
Minneapolis, MN



**Alex Young-Williams '20**  
US Embassy  
Cotonou, Benin



**Kyaw Za Zaw '22**  
LaeLar  
Yangon, Myanmar

## Jacob Simpson '20 World Without Genocide

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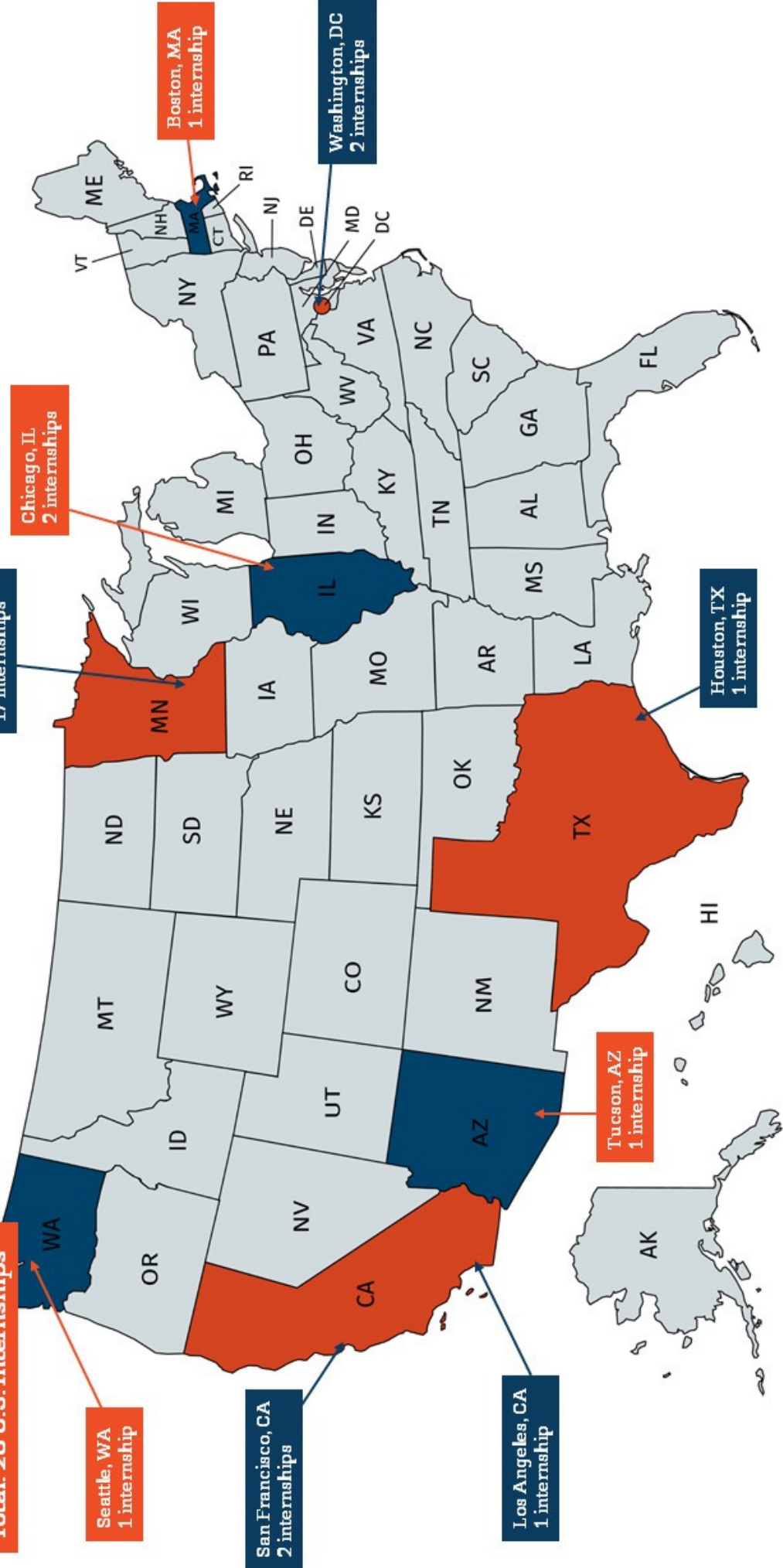
Through engaging with the institutional goals of World Without Genocide, I have expanded both my academic understanding of human rights, and the politics and people who are trying to bring human rights to the forefront of local, national, and international agendas. . . . Throughout the summer, my professional and academic understanding of real-life human rights advocacy has grown immensely, which would not have been possible without the Macalester Summer Internship Grant.

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# MSIG 2019 Domestic Internships

Total: 28 U.S. Internships



Seattle, WA  
1 internship

San Francisco, CA  
2 internships

Los Angeles, CA  
1 internship

Chicago, IL  
2 internships

Twin Cities, MN  
17 internships

Boston, MA  
1 internship

Washington, DC  
2 internships

Houston, TX  
1 internship

Tucson, AZ  
1 internship



# MSIG 2019 International Internships

Total: 11 International Internships



Guatemala City & Antigua, Guatemala  
2 internships

Brussels, Belgium  
1 internship

Paris, France  
1 internship

Copenhagen, Denmark  
1 internship

Ramallah, Palestine  
1 internship

Amman, Jordan  
1 internship

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
1 internship

Yangon, Myanmar  
1 internship

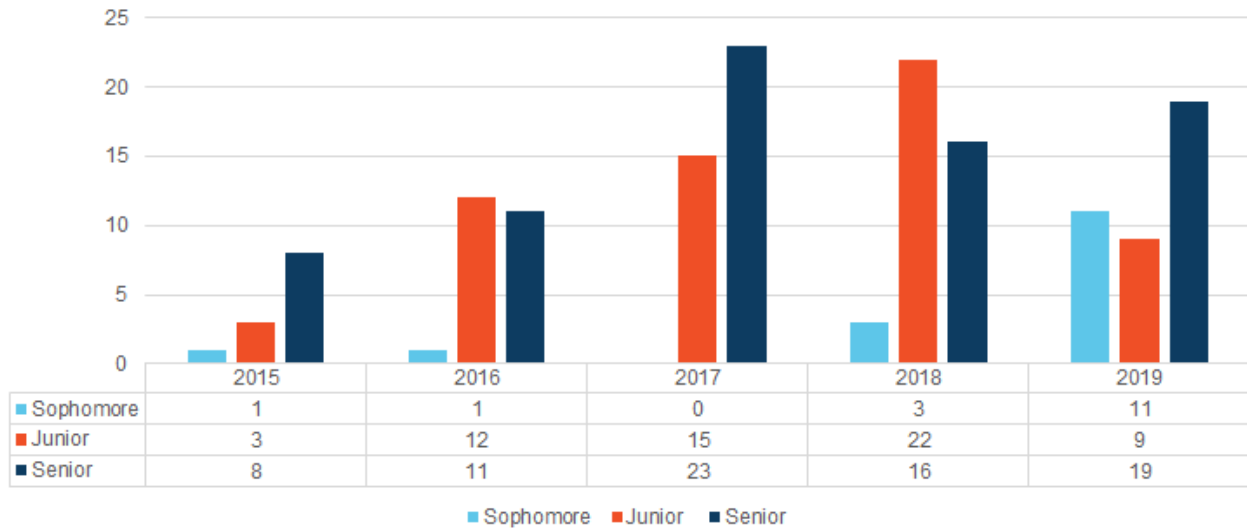
Cotonou, Benin  
1 internship

Kisumu, Kenya  
1 internship

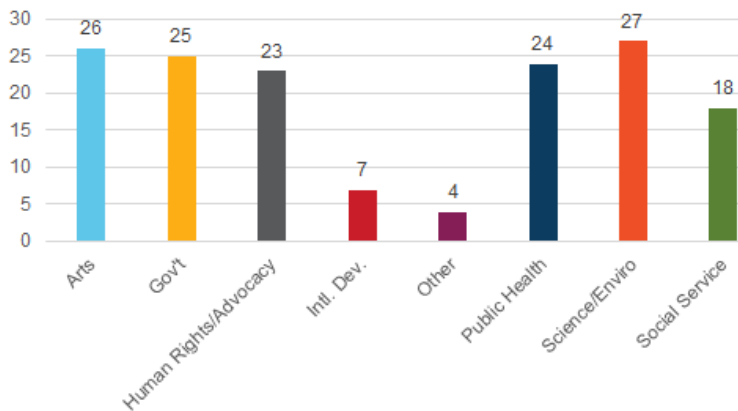
Yangon, Myanmar  
1 internship

### LAST FIVE YEARS

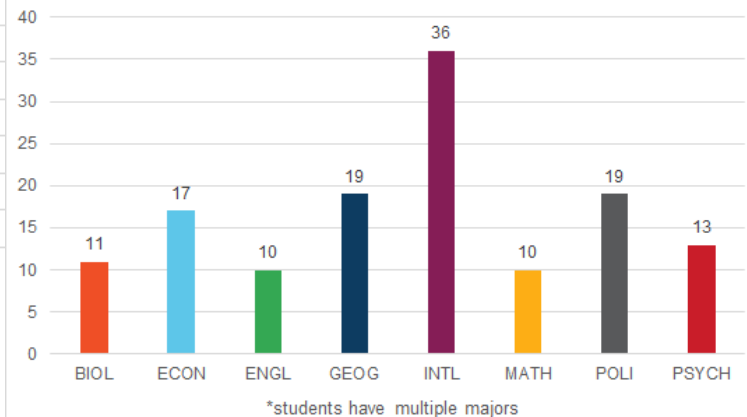
Number of Internships by Class Year



Site Categories



Top Majors held by grantees



**154**

Total number of grantees from 2015-2019

**16%**

of students funded were first generation

**44%**

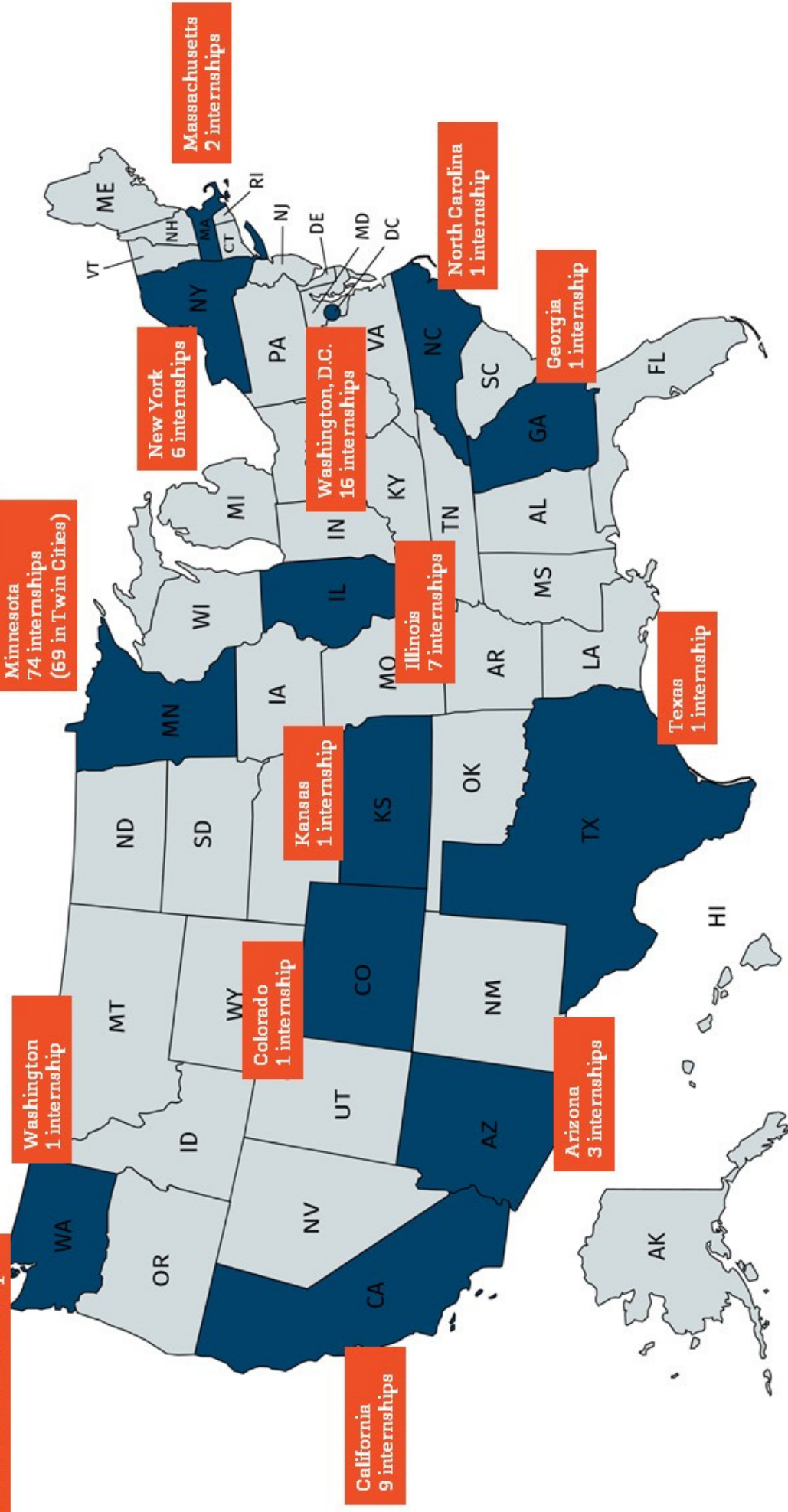
of students funded were U.S. Students of color or International

**70.5%**

said they could not consider doing an unpaid internship

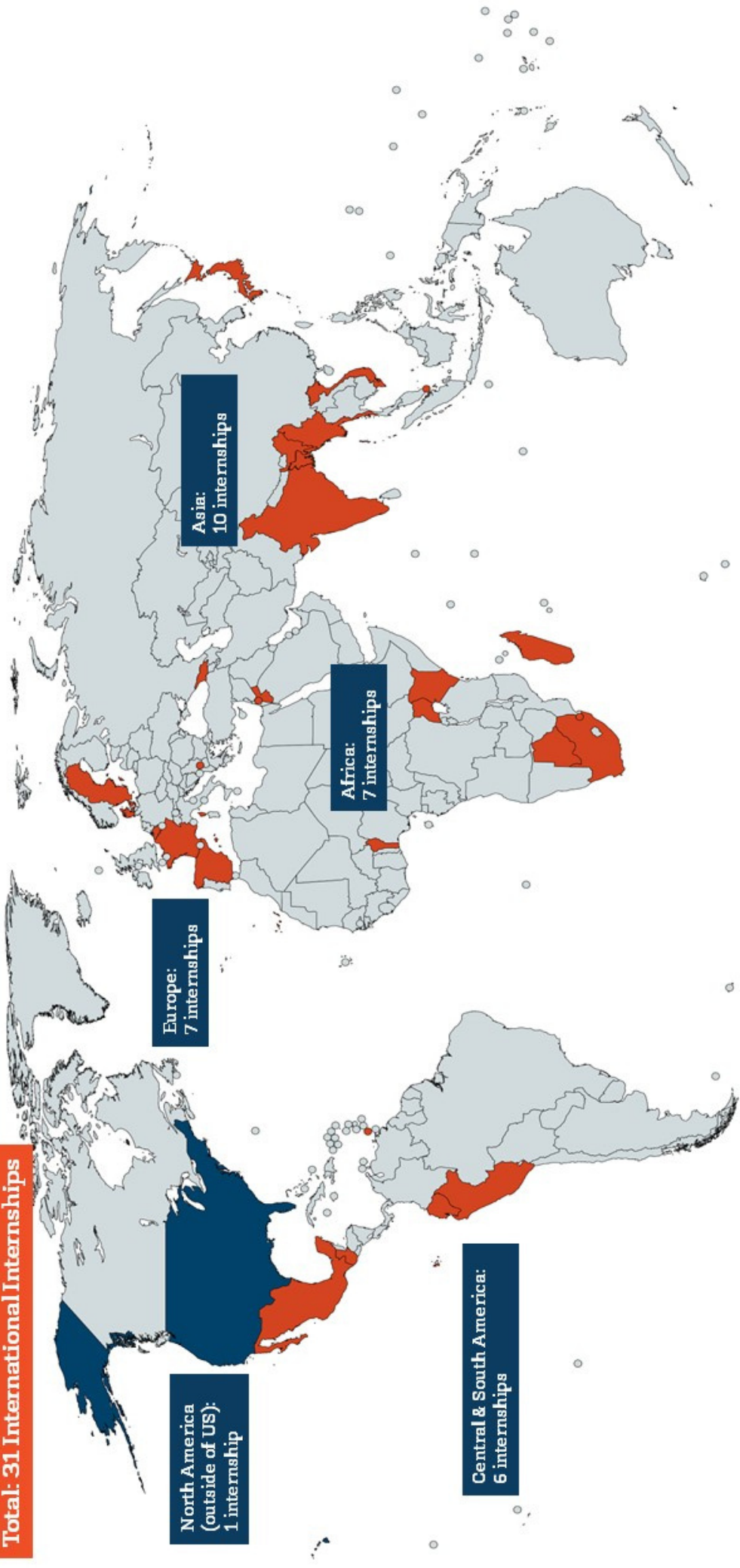
# 2015-2019 MSIG Domestic Internships

Total: 123 U.S. Internships



# 2015-2019 MSIG International Internships

Total: 31 International Internships



North America  
(outside of US):  
1 internship

Central & South America:  
6 internships

Europe:  
7 internships

Africa:  
7 internships

Asia:  
10 internships

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