

## CATALYST 2030 SYSTEMS LEARNING INTERN (This is a Remote Position)



Catalyst 2030 is a global movement of over 1,700 social entrepreneurs and social impact actors from Ashoka, Echoing Green, the Schwab Foundation, the Skoll Foundation and other global networks of social entrepreneurs. The movement was founded in response to research carried out by the Social Progress Imperative which showed that, at the current pace of progress, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) would only be achieved in 2074. Catalyst 2030 members believe that with collaboration this pace can be greatly accelerated, and that by joining forces, greater impact can be achieved.

In brief, the movement is operating on every level: local, national, regional and global. It aims to strengthen collaboration across and between civil society, multilateral organisations, social entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs, impact investors and governments. The goal is to scale up already existing, proven, successful solutions for systemic change and thereby accelerate the impact that will help us reach the SDGs by 2030.

### About the Systems Learning Team

Catalyst 2030 offers the Intern the opportunity to work with young people from various countries, and to challenge themselves within the context of a vibrant and growing organisation. The ideal candidate is a masters student or currently graduated with a background in international relations / affairs, international law, international development, social sciences or similar. Catalyst 2030 offers the Intern the opportunity to work with young people from various countries, and to challenge themselves within the context of a vibrant and growing organisation. <https://catalyst2030.net/category/careers/>

The Systems Change Learning Team was established this year to stimulate an on-going evolution of a learning ecosystem from and for social innovators. Our primary goal is to provide rich opportunities for shared learning and create a collective learning community to inform best practices. The team works to shift the dominant culture and paradigms with social entrepreneurs and innovators closely with government and civil society to enable structural and systemic change. To learn how to achieve this change, the systems learning group develops monthly Catalytic Systems Learning Series, focusing on diverse topics, building the Catalyst Academy certification programme, and curating resources..

The Systems Change Learning Working Group recognises the complexity of systems change and brings together academics and social entrepreneurs to promote a sustainable culture of systems change, while advancing research, informing curricular offerings, and influencing practice, education, and policies.

### Responsibilities:

- Assisting the development of Systems Change Learning Working Group;
- Supporting monthly group meetings at different stages, from calendar planning and agenda setting to taking minutes and sending follow-up emails;
- Managing projects including organising events focused on systems change learning between social entrepreneurs and peers, as well as events with academic researchers on topics that will assist the growth and scale of social ventures;
- Coordinating systems change events and workshops as part of the Catalytic Systems Change Learning series;
- Maintaining our community platform Zoho to engage and inform members;
- Supporting the development of the Social Change Innovators online knowledge resource portal, systems change learning materials and materials for collaborations;
- Creating, editing and updating documents for various group purposes;
- Coordinating relations with members within the Catalyst 2030 network;

- Being an active part of the Systems Learning department, supporting the work of other teams when needed across the Catalyst 2030 Secretariat;
- Working closely with the team planning, organising and coordinating strategic engagement at international conferences and events;
- Other ad hoc tasks.

#### **Requirements and Skills:**

- An active interest in global issues and challenges, their complexity and nuance;
- Preference for those finalising or having completed their academic studies;
- Proactive in seeking out solutions and pre-empting challenges;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Proven organisational skills and the ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment and across time zones;
- Flexible with an open mind who can easily adapt to new tasks given at short notice;
- Interest in and experience with researching;
- Ability to manage time effectively and adapt to changing environments;
- Attention to details and willingness to learn from experience;
- Desire to work collaboratively in a team, with a positive attitude and ability to rise to challenges;
- Fluency in English, preference for another UN language
- Ability to work in a multicultural and global digital environment with cultural sensitivity;
- Hands-on attitude and willingness to help out and show flexibility if required;

#### **Our Offer:**

- The opportunity to work with a young and dynamic team in a fast-paced global environment, on-the-job training opportunities and experience within an international NGO;
- The ability to organise and coordinate personal projects to improve the work of the organisation;
- 6 month internship contract, preference for full time, but some part-time opportunities available for the right candidate;
- Good working atmosphere with a small and dedicated team;
- An opportunity to work with the world's most prestigious social entrepreneurs and innovators;
- Small stipend a month if you are not eligible for any other grants or scholarships

#### **Deadline:**

Current applications are being accepted on a rolling basis, typically Fall, Winter, and Summer internships, but we interview and accept interns on a regular basis. Full time for a minimum of six months.

#### **How to Apply:**

To apply, please email your CV and letter of motivation in English to Debbi Brock at [debbi@catalyst2030.net](mailto:debbi@catalyst2030.net)

#### **Motivation letter**, address such moments as:

- Describe your background or interconnection (if applicable) in working towards 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. How can you transfer it to the Catalyst network if you have such?
- Distinguish your past or current working experience (internships/ traineeships/ projects) where you took the lead on a project if you have such.
- Do you communicate with people easily? Are you a team player or individual contributor on issue solving? Characterise your approach and give relevant examples.
- If experience with social entrepreneurs or working with changemakers in society, address in the motivation letter.

\*After COVID we adopted a distributed organisational model with the ability to hire a diverse team, in-office activities in Harlem in the Netherlands are available to those living close to the main office.