

## **Diplomacy Training Program – Testimonial**

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Prior to undertaking my internship with the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) over the winter 2016 semester, I had some experience engaging within the civil society domain in other volunteer positions for NGO, though I had never been so holistically involved with an organisation to the same degree as I was with the DTP. After having only committed a little more than a two week period, I had been exposed to more areas and operations than my other previous experiences combined.

As an intern, this broad exposure to the day-to-day functioning and core elements of an NGO was invaluable. Though, insight into the various aspects integral to the DTP's operating, which can be said to be integral to the large majority of all NGOs of every purpose, such as; securing funding, managing social media channels, supporting and maintaining strong civil society networks, and conducting research (all of which I was able to be exposed to in my short time), was only part of the inherent value received from being involved with the organisation.

In addition to developing my comprehension of the interplay of these core areas and how they can reflect the efficiency and success of an NGO, I was able to develop my interpersonal skills, for example; written and oral communication and expression, and personal professional skills, such as; time management and efficient research.

Overall, for an experience such as this internship to deliver and provide so many opportunities in such a condensed timeframe, in such an amicable and positive environment was truly valuable, and when reflected upon the outstanding work the DTP conducts, it can only be said that this internship was sincerely inspiring and a fantastic opportunity for anyone who seeks to become involved with civil society.