#### MIT Sloan Sustainability Internship Programs 2024 Summer Intern Roundup





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The MIT Sloan Sustainability Initiative
Internship Program, in partnership with the
MIT Sloan Career Development Office,
identifies high-caliber sustainability-oriented
internships and provides students financial
support to take action.

Internships are summer-long positions for first-year MBAs, funded via donors and a match by participating host companies.

Interested in hosting an intern?

Reach out to us!

The MIT Sloan Social Impact Fund fellowships provide funding to a limited number of students taking on important societal challenges during their summer internship period. Funding is provided by the MIT Sloan Dean's Office. These internships are self-sourced.





# Grace Bambushew MBA '25 / GreenerU

Grace spent her summer as a Strategic Management Intern at GreenerU, where she evaluated its services and competitive positioning, helping the team develop strategies to continue evolving and leading in the decarbonization of existing buildings. Grace shared, "I hope to take into the coming academic year a deeper understanding of the importance of ensuring sustainability and preservation can coexist as we progress in our fight against climate change."



Grace at an engineering assessment for the decarbonization of the Pierce House





Joan Barcelona
MBA '25 / North Shore Mi'kmaq
Tribal Council Development
Corporation

At the North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council Development Corporation, Joan collaborated with the CEO of Nikutik to advance the organization's efforts in fundraising and strategic partnerships. She gained a deeper understanding of the context of the First Nations in Canada, which proved to be helpful in thinking about systemic investing and making an impact in communities.



### Clara Christensen MBA '26 / Matter

Clara worked on key projects at **Matter** alongside the CEO and sustainability team, leveraging her consulting experience and developing new expertise in sustainability and data analysis. She established strategic priorities for the upcoming years, and developed frameworks to integrate emerging global reporting standards and Net Zero alignment into Matter's data solutions and analytics platform.





## Will Barth MBA '25 / Third Nature Investments

Will spent his summer with **Third Nature Investments** as an MBA Intern, where he led the due diligence workstream and researched potential investments, focusing on startups and fund managers in the earth systems space.

Will learned how to evaluate a startup in a kickoff call and conduct further diligence on the health of the business and the extent of its impact.



Hear directly
from Will about
his internship
experience!
Watch here.





### Cameron Davis MBA '25 / Start-Up Chile

As a Summer Associate on Start-Up Chile's Acceleration Team, Cameron led targeted support for Start-Up Chile's entrepreneurs, collaborating with them on strategic initiatives focused on growth and sales, partnerships, pricing, and new business models. He also helped the Acceleration Team and broader organization think about its social impact and strategic direction, including guestions around program design, mentorship, and ecosystem building.



### Courtney Elston MBA '25 / inclusive+

Courtney worked as the Chief of Staff with inclusive+, where she helped improve education for medical providers around care for LGBTQ+ patients, and created a database where queer patients can easily find vetted providers in their area by developing the goto-market strategy for the pilot database launch in Chicago.





#### Leah Budson MBA '25 / REDF

At **REDF**. Leah worked with one of its grantees, Bikes not Bombs, a group using bicycles as a vehicle for social change to achieve economic mobility for marginalized communities. Leah shared that, "we're often taught there are trade-offs between people, planet, and profit. Several experiences in my internship highlighted how these can go hand in hand," such as the refurbished bike program, one of Bikes not Bomb's highest margin product offerings!



Leah during her 2024 summer internship





### Nathaniel Ezolino MBA '25 / Vamos Ventures

As the Summer Investing Associate at Vamos Ventures. Nathaniel focused on sourcing and diligence for sustainability related first-time investments and follow-on investments with existing portfolio companies. He also refined the firm's sustainability thesis, focussing on what he called the "series B breakthroughs" due to the major gap in the market for sustainability startups.



Allie Hrabchak MBA '25 / Providence Health & Services

Allie's role this summer as **Providence**'s Sustainability Intern was to support its goal of being carbon negative by 2030 by researching methods to reduce their emissions. She shared that "the opportunities" for improvement in sustainability felt endless" at a hospital, and one of her projects resulted in a campaign to educate caregivers on the environmental impacts of medical gloves, and how they can reduce unnecessary gloving.





#### Esteban Calderón MBA '25 / ENGIE Energy Access

As a Summer Consultant at **ENGIE Energy**Access (**EEA**), Esteban led consultations with the Kenya and Uganda leadership teams to communicate and refine the Vision 2030 strategy. Additionally, he created strategic reports on Sub-Saharan Africa's renewable energy sector, which identified key gaps and opportunities critical to advancing EEA's Vision 2030 strategy.

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For many of our clients, having access to energy meant the ability to power just three light bulbs in their homes. If you look around right now, you probably see more than three light bulbs, but for people accustomed to darkness after dusk, even three lights can be lifechanging. It means studying or working night, building stronger social connections with loved ones, lighting up their businesses, and much more.





### Anders Lang-Ree MFin '25 / Kukula Capital

At Kukula Capital, Anders engaged in a variety of projects from connecting Zambian founders with potential investors to leading a valuation workshop at the Impact Capital Africa conference, and so much more. A particularly impactful project was helping fundraising efforts for Saro, Zambia's leading agricultural equipment and machinery provider, enabling them to reach thousands more farmers and accelerating the transition to a sustainable agricultural sector in Zambia.



Jasmin Liu MBA '25 / National Park Service

Jasmin interned at the **National Park Service,** optimizing its water and wastewater facilities' processes and preparing for longterm capital infrastructure investments. She shared that, "seeing firsthand how parks balance commercialization opportunities with environmental conservation has taught me a lot about operations, policy, and forwardlooking business planning." When Jasmin wasn't working, she managed to hike over 100 miles this summer!





Nicolas Correa MBA '25 / New York City Housing Development Corp.

Nicolas spent his summer as a Strategy Associate with the **New York City Housing Development Corporation** focused on data and policy analysis on more than 400 current developments in NYC. Nicolas's responsibilities included analyzing the longterm financial sustainability of affordable housing projects and working to address the challenges of sustainable and affordable housing through policy analysis and development.



Hear directly from Nicolas about his internship experience!

<u>Listen here.</u>





#### Sarah Lober MBA '25 / The Hurd Co.

Sarah worked as a Sustainability Strategy Intern at **The Hurd Co.**, a start-up changing the sustainable apparel landscape. Sarah focused on enhancing product differentiation and market positioning to drive environmental and social impact. Sarah "gained a lot of insights about taking a systems-based approach to making fashion consumption patterns more sustainable and the necessary role of government regulations."



#### David Merkel MBA '25 / Third Sphere

As **Third Sphere**'s Venture Fellow, David worked closely with the founder of one of its portfolio companies to help translate technical vision into a well-researched. fundable business strategy. "It was so rewarding how relevant the Sloan classes I had taken the semester before the internship were. My Business Analysis Using Financial Statements course helped with market sizing while I leaned on Entrepreneurial Sales and Corporate Finance to give better go-tomarket advice."



### Hibah Khan MBA '25 / Smith & Associates

As **Smith & Associates**' Supply Chain Intern, Hibah crafted a comprehensive sustainability strategy from the ground up, a major initiative that required performing materiality analysis, benchmarking, and gap analysis, as well as defining sustainability objectives.

Hibah helped measure scope 3 emissions and explored cost-saving and emission-reducing solutions such as route optimization and consolidated packaging.



Hibah and her team at Smith & Associates





### Camilo Milic MBA '25 / SeaAhead

Camilo, Investment Intern at **SeaAhead**, worked with the Investment Team to conduct due diligence for potential investment opportunities, valuate start-ups within the portfolio, and create an investment thesis for coastal resilience opportunities. This internship provided Camilo with a "new perspective on integrating sustainability into business," he shared.



Selina Phan MBA '25 / Canada Infrastructure Bank

Selina spent her summer as a Strategy
Analyst at Canada Infrastructure Bank /
Banque de l'infrastructure du Canada (CIB),
where she focused on mobilizing private
sector capital to catalyze the development of
sustainable public sector infrastructure. In this
role, Selina developed investment rationale
for new sectors for the CIB to invest in.





#### Kevin Lin Yang TPP '25 / AMGEN

Kevin served as a Biodiversity Analyst Intern for **AMGEN**, a multinational pharmaceutical company based in California.

He worked at the intersection of biodiversity, ecosystem, and sustainability as part of a team that analyzed the unique aspects of each site and recommended potential internal strategies and modifications that could be made to mitigate the immediate impact of the sites on local biodiversity.



Hear more about Kevin's internship experience. Watch here.





#### Pedro Regojo Matarranz MBA '25 / GovTech of Bhutan

As an intern at **GovTech**, the government agency responsible for technology development in Bhutan, Pedro leveraged technology to improve conditions for small business owners, and structured and channeled funds to launch new tech companies. Pedro gained a global perspective on technology development and its potential to drive sustainability, as well as "an appreciation for the power of grassroots innovation and the importance of supporting local talent."



#### Juan Saldaña MBA '25 / REDF

During his time as a Farber Fellow for **REDF**, Juan worked with Inner City Weightlifting (ICW), a Boston-based nonprofit focused on supporting those most impacted by gun violence and mass incarceration by creating careers in personal training and beyond.

Juan helped create sustainable revenue growth to allow ICW to reach more clients and expand its programmatic offerings.





Nisha Patel
MBA '25 / Supply Change Capital

Nisha explored our food systems this summer as a Venture Fellow at **Supply** Change Capital, a firm that invests in technologies transforming food and agricultural value chains. Nisha supported the deal flow process, from sourcing new companies to evaluate to taking calls with founders to assist the diligence process. She was also tasked with market mapping, identifying opportunity areas and technologies for the firm to closely monitor.

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Assessing climate-related risks facing our food systems, and subsequent opportunity areas, was core to my role. My internship gave me a strong sense of the novel technologies gaining traction to address these challenges in addition to the investment trends and opportunities related to sustainable food systems.





#### Riyah Singh MBA '25 / Atacama Biomaterials

Riyah worked as a Strategy and Go-To-Market MBA Summer Intern at **Atacama Biomaterials**, an organization that is developing zero carbon and zero waste plastic. Riyah gained firsthand experience understanding consumer behavior towards sustainable products and how sustainability goals can be reached faster.



Emma Stone
MBA '25 / Enable Ventures

Emma spent her summer at **Enable Ventures**, as their Summer Research Fellow, where she conducted company-level market research to determine alignment with Enable's investment thesis, which focuses on closing the disability wealth gap through scalable solutions that offer market rate returns. She also conducted sector-level market research, federal grant writing, and financial modeling. This experience aligned with Emma's passion to "promote the freedom, dignity, and wellbeing of all people."





Alejandra Garcia MBA '25 / Context Labs



**Tsukasa Nakamura**MBA '26 / Ministry of Digital
Economy & Entrepreneurship
in Jordan



Aryamika Ondaatje MBA '25 / Third Nature Investments







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