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# Summer Intern Roundup Report 2026



MIT SLOAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**



ABOUT OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

# Supporting students to take on impact-oriented internships

**Sustainability-focused internships create systems-change leaders.** Our internship programs allow first-year MBA students to apply classroom learning to real-world challenges, building practical experience in a variety of areas. This hands-on exposure deepens understanding of the field and strengthens the skills, network, and credibility needed for a successful career in sustainability.

## MIT SLOAN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Sustainability Initiative, in partnership with the Career Development Office, identifies **high-caliber sustainability-oriented internships** and provides **financial support** to enable students to take on these roles. These positions are made possible by donors and a match by participating companies.

## MIT SLOAN IMPACT FUND

The MIT Sloan Impact Fund fellowships provide funding to a limited number of students taking on **important societal and environmental challenges** during their self-sourced internships. Funding is provided by donors and the Dean's Office.

**Over the last 20 years, the Sustainability Initiative has become a leading voice in sustainable business and policy.**

Through our rigorous educational programming, award-winning research, and systems-thinking frameworks, we have empowered leaders everywhere to take action so humans and nature can thrive.




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**126+** Over 126 interns have been placed at leading organizations through our programs

**60+** Over 60 organizations have participated in our internship programs — such as Patagonia, GE Vernova, the European Commission, Enveritas, Supply Change Capital, and more

**18+** Over 18 countries where our interns have made an impact — across North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia

# You can support the next 20 years of sustainability internships.

Help us accelerate sustainable business transformation.
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# Your support makes an impact

The impact of these internships wouldn't be possible without our alumni community and broader ecosystem of sustainability practitioners and generous donors. We look forward to growing this program for the next 20 years and beyond — providing even more students with the opportunity to take on impact-driven roles. **Interested in how you can help?**

## HIRE A SUSTAINABILITY STUDENT

- Our world-class students are ready to unpack a sustainability issue of strategic importance to your organization. Internship **proposals are accepted in January and February.**

If you are part of an organization or company interested in hosting an intern over the summer, please contact us at **sloansi@mit.edu**

## GIVE THE GIFT OF A SUSTAINABILITY INTERNSHIP

- When you make a gift to this program, you are making an investment in our future sustainability leaders. **Interested in making a gift?**

**Click here to make a gift to the "Sloan School Sustainability Internship Fund"**

or reach out to us at **sloansi@mit.edu**

# 2026 INTERNSHIPS

Our 2026 interns provided their host organizations with support to address sustainability issues of strategic importance.

**32 students**
completed internships through our programs this summer.

We could not offer so many invaluable opportunities without the generosity of our donors. Thank you!



*George Wenzel, SDM '27, 2026 Summer Intern at Sabanci Climate Ventures*

"Sloan MBA interns have continued to elevate MacroCycle to new levels, and this year was even more special! The impact that comes from having a highly talented individual tackle one of our biggest open-ended questions has given us the clarity we needed to move full speed ahead on our new go-to-market strategy to create a truly circular economy. I am excited to continue to provide these opportunities for the next generation as they mutually give back to the startups trying to create a better tomorrow.

**—Stwart Peña Feliz, MBA '23**
Co-founder, CEO, MacroCycle Technologies

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**Meet our 2026 summer interns**



## NAFISAH ABDULSALAM

**MBA '27 / Power & Infrastructure Intern**

Nextier

**Nafisah's** internship addressed the intersection of economic sustainability and social equality in Nigeria — expanding access to reliable electricity through accessible solar financing, mini-grid tariffs serving rural communities, and governance safeguards for a new electricity market.

**ON LESSONS LEARNED**

> **The most durable solutions are the ones that align the incentives of investors, operators, and the communities being served.**



## ISABELLA AMENDOEIRA DE ALMEIDA

**MBA '27 / Sustainability AI Solutions Intern**

GE VERNOVA

**Isabella** spent the summer improving a key workflow for GE Vernova: she developed AI-enabled agents for the Corporate Sustainability team to better understand how various business units were progressing against their sustainability goals.





## NAZRIN BALAYEVA

**MFin '27 / Sustainable Finance Summer Fellow**

GreenieRE COALITION

**Nazrin** spent the summer focused on using financial analysis and quantitative modeling to help address barriers to clean energy deployment. Her internship project even supported discussions at GreenieRE's EV Residual Value Insurance Workshop during New York Climate Week.





## MATIAS BERTRANOU

**MBA '27 / Summer Fund Design Associate**

Start
Grow
Remain

**Matias** explored how to fund advanced energy technologies through his summer internship – designing an investment thesis for the advanced energy tranche of a $150m fund managed by the New Mexico Economic Development Department's Technology and Innovation Office.

**ON THE BIGGER PICTURE**

> We were also looking at the complete economic impact of [commercializing] these technologies: how we can create a critical technology, making the local economy gain from it.



## DARIA BOCANCEA

MBA ’27 / Summer Associate

ACTIVE SURFACES

At Active Surfaces, a climate-tech startup spun out of MIT making peel-and-stick solar film, **Daria** worked closely with the CEO on commercial and strategic work, including market research, Series A preparations, grant applications, and more.

ON LESSONS LEARNED

**The most effective climate solutions are the ones that can also compete on cost, performance, and practicality.**

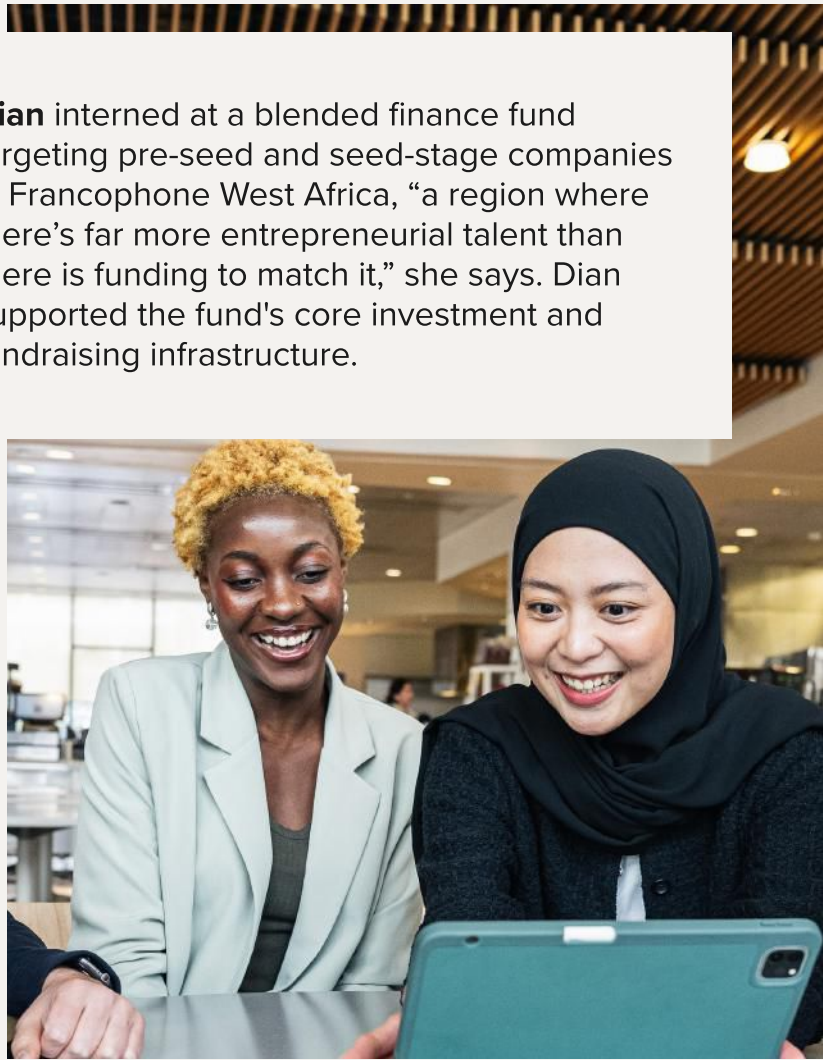


## DIAN RATRI CAHYANI

MBA ’27 / Summer Associate

KAWTAL VENTURES

**Dian** interned at a blended finance fund targeting pre-seed and seed-stage companies in Francophone West Africa, “a region where there’s far more entrepreneurial talent than there is funding to match it,” she says. Dian supported the fund's core investment and fundraising infrastructure.



# CLIMATE TECH SOLVING FOR CIRCULARITY



**JULIA ZOU**

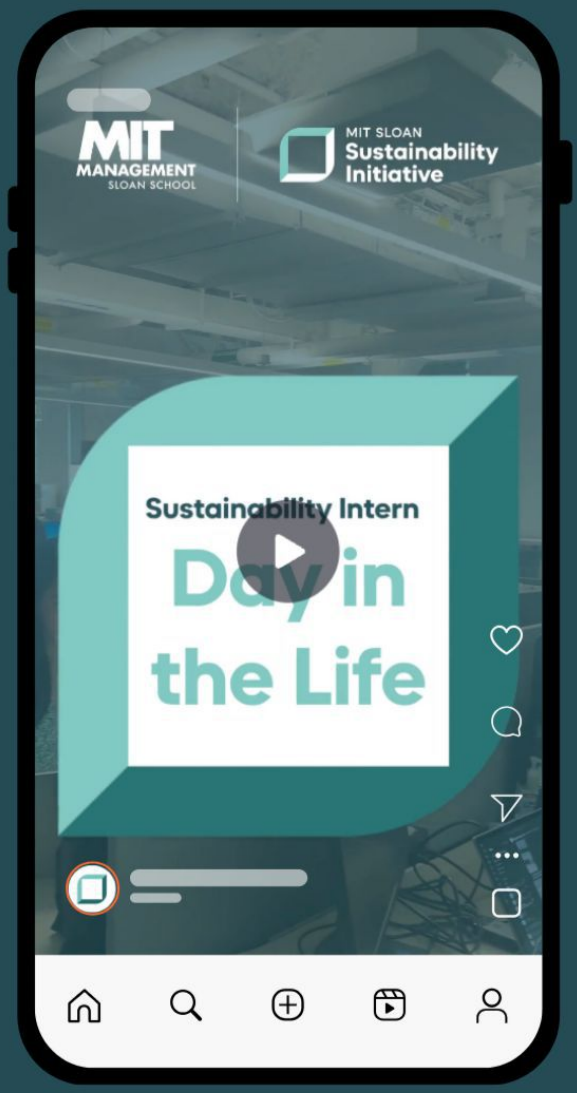
**MBA '27 / MBA Intern**

MACROCYCLE
CIRCULAR PLASTICS, ZERO CARBON

**Julia** spent her summer at MacroCycle Technologies, an MIT venture creating circular plastics and textiles at price parity with zero carbon emissions.

See for yourself what a day in Julia's life looked like this summer, from researching where to expand the technology to developing fundraising materials, producing a technical economic analysis to revamping customer decks, and more.

EXPLORE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JULIA:





## ABDULLAH CHOUDHRY

**MBA '27 / Commercial Strategy Intern**

GLIMPSE

**Abdullah** learned about Glimpse through a case study in an operations class at MIT. He then did what many Sloanies do – reached out directly to see if they had any internship opportunities. What ensued was a summer of pricing strategy for a new product launch and learning about sustainable manufacturing processes.

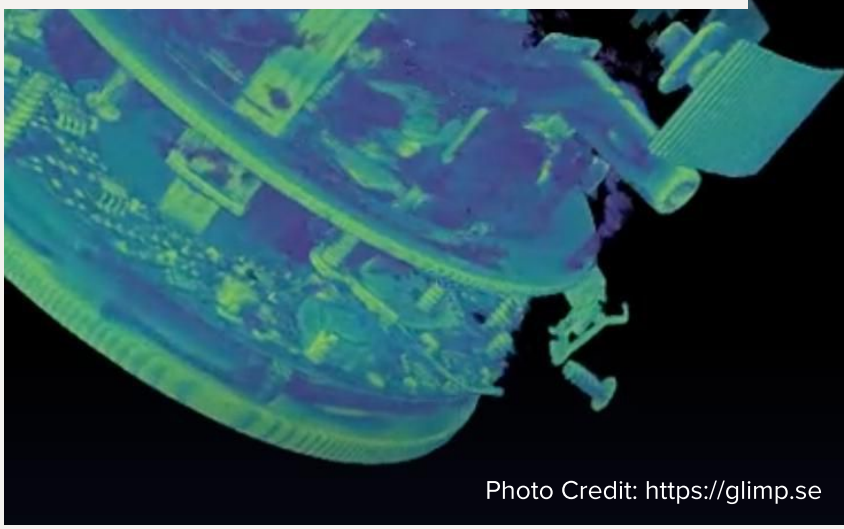


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## RUBY EISENBUD

**MBA '27 / Value Creation Summer Associate**

SPRING LANE CAPITAL

At Spring Lane Capital, **Ruby** was exposed to the complexities of financing a breadth of climate technologies, developing infrastructure innovations, and making executive-level decisions to achieve and maintain sustainable, efficient, and profitable operations.

**ON WHAT DREW HER TO THIS ROLE**

> I have been deeply curious about the intersection of sustainability and the built environment given the construction industry's massive carbon emissions.

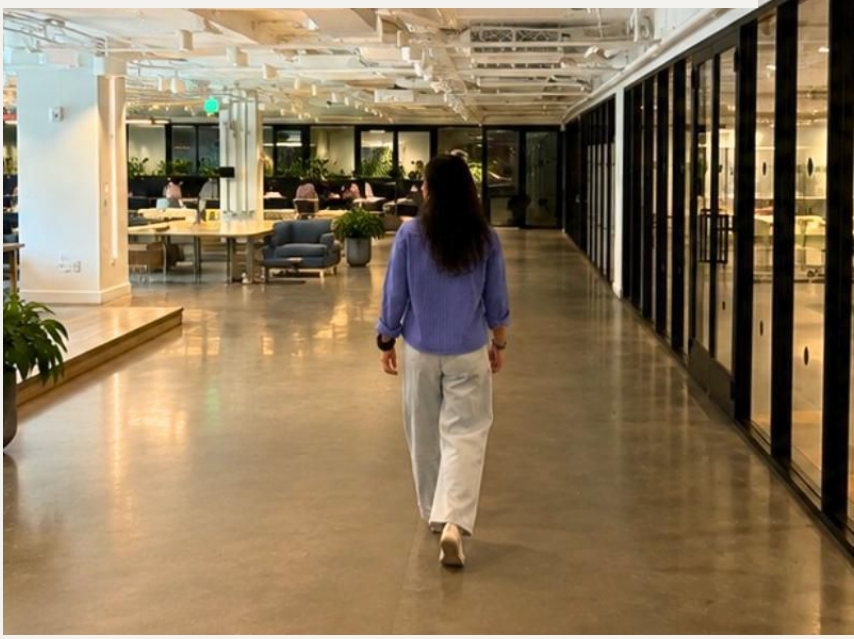


## CARLA ESPALLARDO ORTEGA

MBA '27 / Summer Intern

Halcyon

**Carla** created an AI tool to help the Capital Strategy team at Halcyon—an accelerator focused on social entrepreneurs in the energy, health, and equity tech spaces—optimize and automate the due diligence process.





## CHRISTIAN FILTER

MBA '27 / Strategy and Operations Intern

A Healthier Democracy

**Christian** spent the summer developing strategic proposals for healthcare partnerships, including a program that helps eligible patients enroll in public benefit programs. Plus, he led the overhaul of a cost allocation policy and more.

ON THE BIGGER PICTURE

> This experience reinforced the issues with the healthcare system in the U.S., and how misaligned its incentives can be.



## ANNIE GOLD

**MBA '27 / Strategy and Operations Intern**

A Healthier Democracy

**Annie** also spent her summer exploring the intersection of health and civic engagement at A Healthier Democracy, a nonprofit that builds platforms for collaboration and community organizing to maximize collective impact on pressing challenges.





## CONNOR GRIGG

**MBA '27 / Summer Associate**

ACTIVE SURFACES

**Connor** supported Active Surfaces' fundraising efforts and buildout of its commercial pipeline. When asked what has stuck with him from the internship, he says "there is still real appetite for innovation and a lot of energy behind pushing the space forward...demand for better clean-energy solutions hasn't gone anywhere."



## ZARA INAM

**MBA '27 / Supply Chain Social Impact & Transparency Intern**

patagonia

**Zara's** internship focused on strengthening the systems Patagonia uses to measure social impact and traceability across its supply chain. She says this internship, "reinforced that sustainable business is not just about setting ambitious goals. It is about building the infrastructure and decision-making processes that allow those goals to influence how the business actually operates."



## TIFFANY KIM

**MBA '27 / Affordable Housing Strategy Intern**

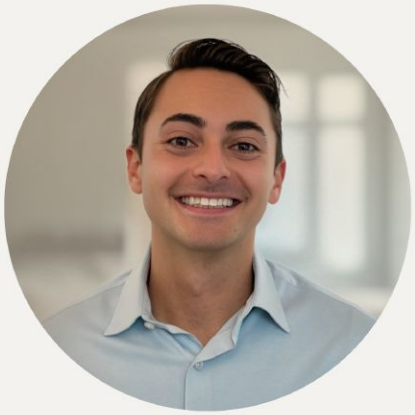
JUST A START

**Tiffany's** internship explored how to make real estate more sustainable, while preserving affordable housing. Through financial modeling, she examined how ownership structures, capital costs, and long-term operating plans could support both environmental goals and housing affordability.

**ON LESSONS LEARNED**

> **Sustainability involves difficult trade-offs. The challenge is to allocate limited capital where it can have the greatest impact while keeping the project financially viable.**

# FINANCE THAT POWERS CLIMATE TECH



**JAKE BRENNER**
MBA '27 / Summer Fellow



**ELI COOPER**
MBA '27 / Summer Fellow

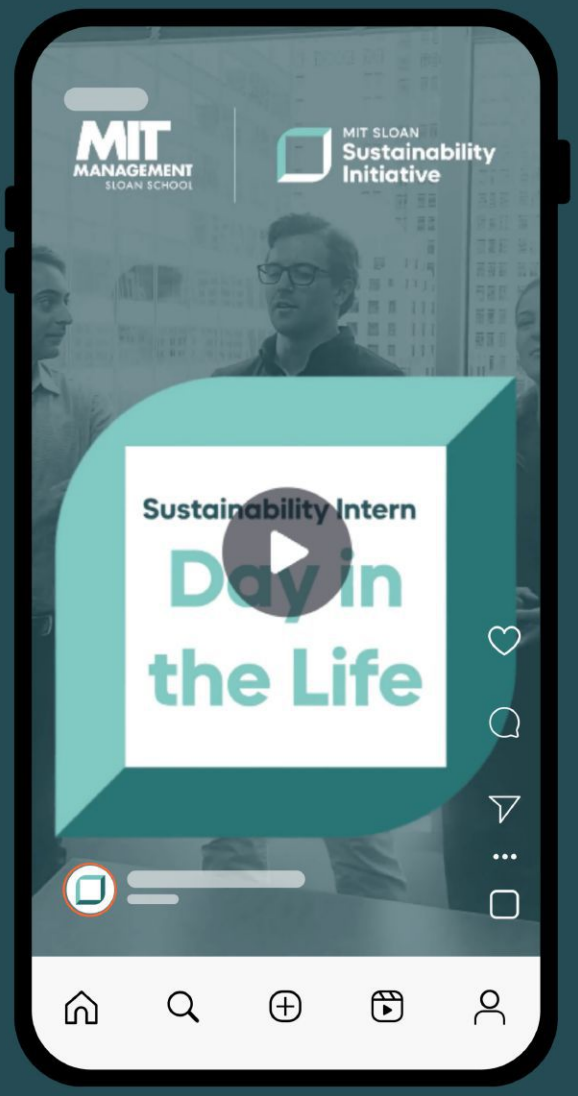


**MARIANA PEREZ-GAVILAN**
MBA '27 / Summer Fellow

CLEAN ENERGY VENTURES

**Jake, Eli, and Mariana** spent the summer at an early-stage climate tech venture capital fund that was co-founded by Sustainability Initiative advisory board member David Miller, SB '90, SM '91, PhD '07.

EXPLORE A DAY IN THEIR LIFE:





## TANA MAHAJAN

MBA ’27 / Assessment Design Intern

Vigyan Ashram

**Tana** supported Vigyan Ashram, an education-focused non-profit, on a pilot program designed to support teachers in India to adapt to a new curriculum requirement for a project-based learning component.

ON LESSONS LEARNED

> It’s easy to think about impact in terms of scale and defensible results, but for Vigyan Ashram, impact starts with need.

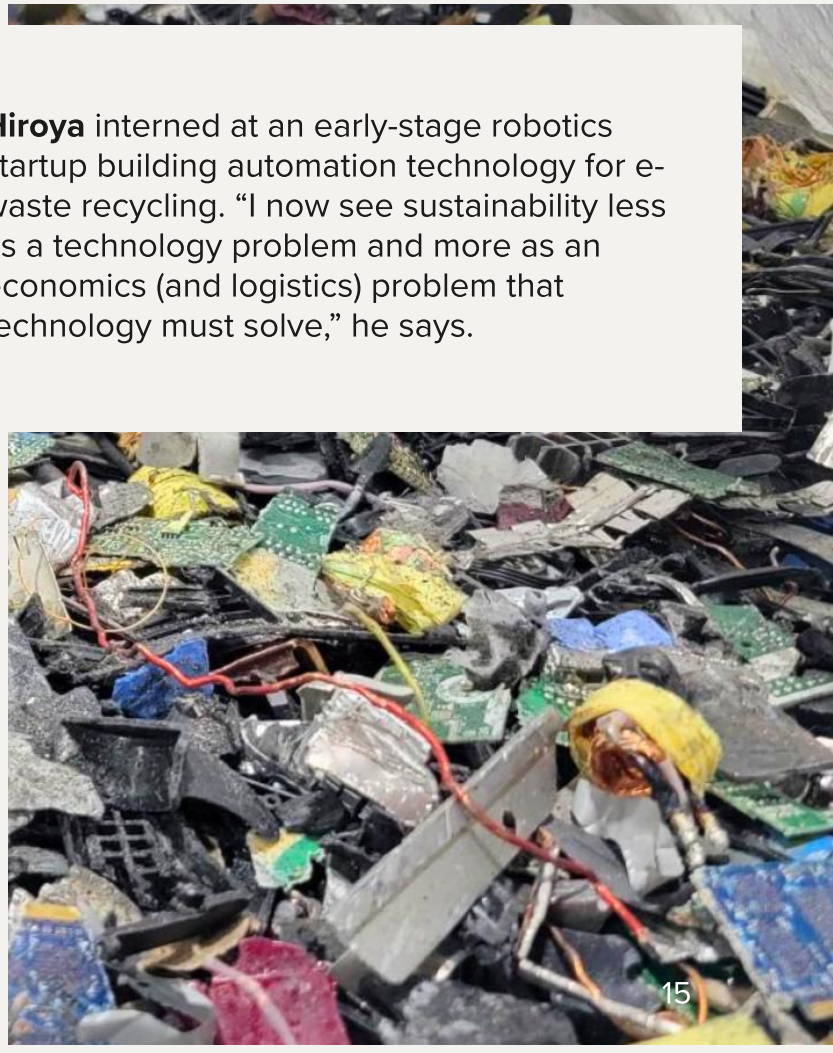


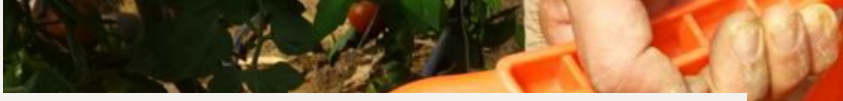
## HIROYA MIYOSHI

SDM ’27 / Business Development & Strategy Intern

Möbius Industries

**Hiroya** interned at an early-stage robotics startup building automation technology for e-waste recycling. “I now see sustainability less as a technology problem and more as an economics (and logistics) problem that technology must solve,” he says.







**Pia's** work at Dirt Capital Partners, a fund investing in regenerative farmers, spanned investments, impact, and operations. Her internship sat at the intersection of environmental and social impact — championing farmers, often from underrepresented communities, whose practices protect the environment.



## PIA MORALES DITTMANN

MBA '27 / Summer Associate

DIRT CAPITAL PARTNERS



**Ben's** projects this summer included due diligence — evaluating companies in geothermal, oil & gas decarbonization, and alternative proteins — as well as thesis research on "ready-to-deploy" solutions for methane mitigation, and more.

## BEN NOYMER

MBA '27 / Summer Associate

Grantham Foundation
for the Protection of the Environment

ON WHAT DREW HIM TO THIS ROLE

> I've always been drawn to next-generation technologies capable of driving step-change impact for our planet. This internship let me dig directly into the warming problem.



## MICHAEL RAZIS

MBA '27 / Strategy & Operations Summer Associate

CIRCULAR SERVICES

**Michael** worked as an internal operator and strategist during his internship, supporting leadership on technology, investment, and operational decisions for the company's materials recovery facilities.

ON HIS KEY INTERNSHIP TAKEAWAYS

> I came away convinced that durable sustainability impact comes from businesses where doing the right thing and making money point in the same direction, and from operators who sweat the details to keep them aligned.

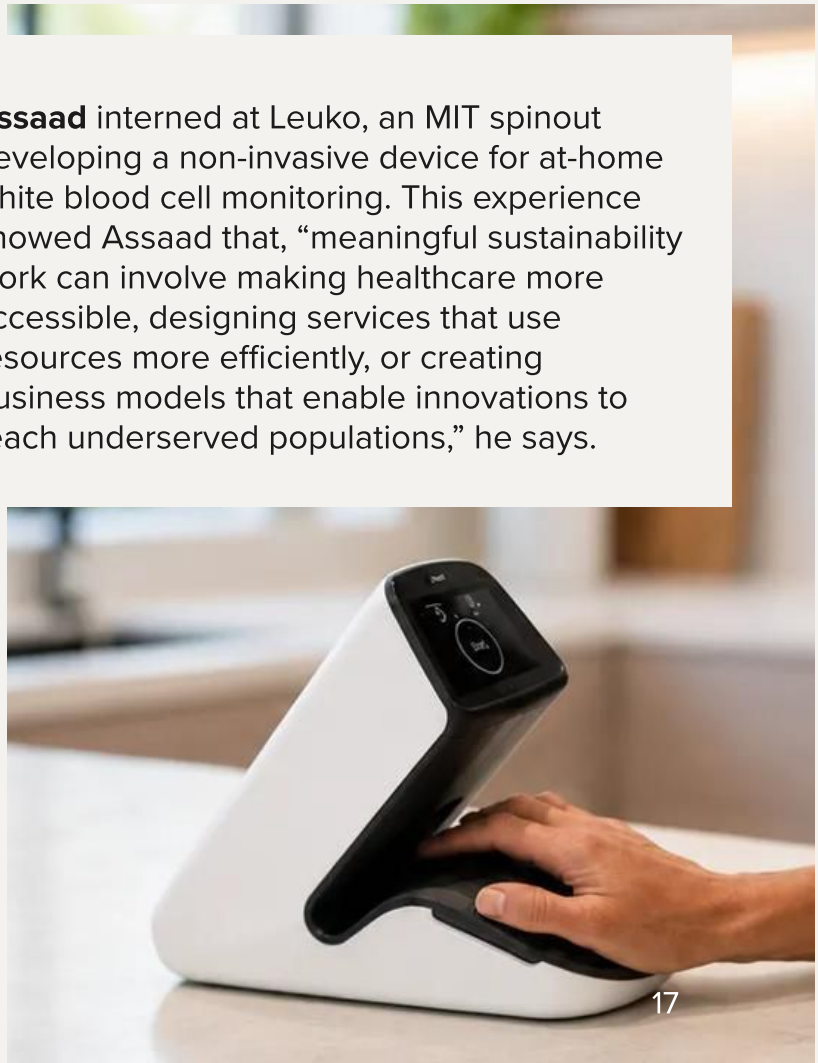


## ASSAAD RIZK

MBA '27 / Business Development Intern

LEUKO

**Assaad** interned at Leuko, an MIT spinout developing a non-invasive device for at-home white blood cell monitoring. This experience showed Assaad that, "meaningful sustainability work can involve making healthcare more accessible, designing services that use resources more efficiently, or creating business models that enable innovations to reach underserved populations," he says.







## JAINIL SHAH

**MSRED '27 / 2026 Impact Summer Intern**

HARRISON STREET
ASSET MANAGEMENT

**Jainil** spent the summer measuring how sustainability creates financial value. "A lot of people assume that going green is simply a cost, but what I saw was the opposite," he says, citing how energy-efficient buildings lower operating costs, reduce long-term risk, and can increase value over time.







## KAREN SHI

**MBA '27 / Venture Fellow**

SUPPLY CHANGE CAPITAL

This summer, **Karen** supported the deal diligence process, evaluating early-stage companies for potential investment. Through her work, she learned about the challenges facing food and agriculture, and how companies are working to solve them through technology, health, and labor innovation.

**ON HOW SHE MADE AN IMPACT**

> I dug into labor and workforce challenges in frontline industries like farming and manufacturing and evaluated companies tackling them directly.

# RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS FOR WASTE MEASUREMENT



**AMANDA MAGALHÃES FARIA PINTO**

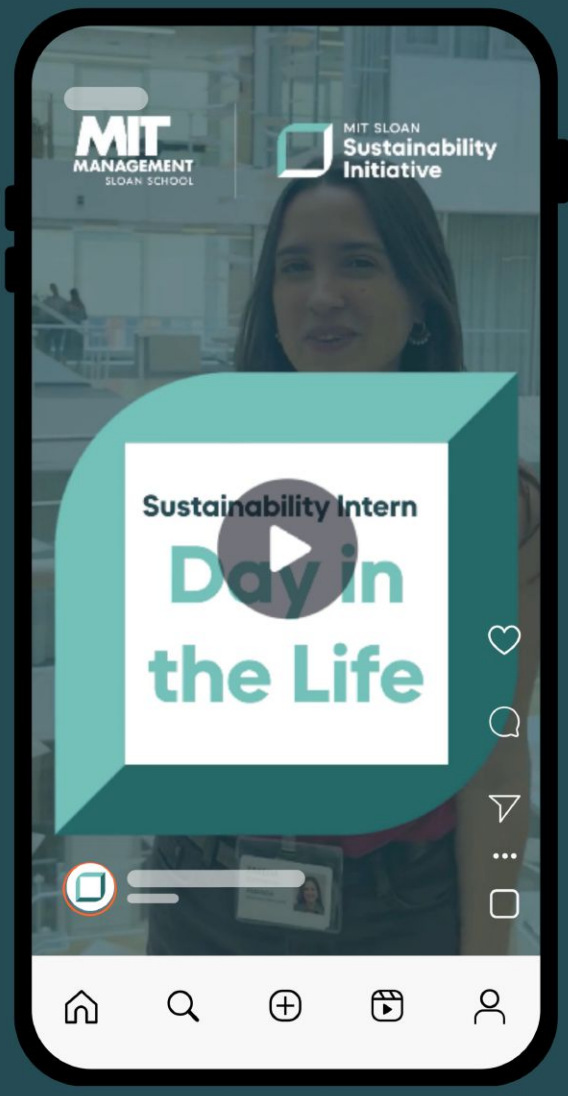
MBA '27 / BioLife Plasma Services MBA Intern

Takeda

**Amanda** gained firsthand insight into how a company can prioritize its broader impacts on people and the planet this summer.

See for yourself what a day in Amanda's life looked like, from waste measurement accuracy to assessing sustainability impacts and more.

EXPLORE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AMANDA:





## JOSE SANTIAGO SIERRA GARCIA (SANTI SIERRA)

**MBA '27 / Lead of Intelligent Systems & Sustainable Operations**

Colombian Protein Trading is one of Colombia's leading agribusiness groups. **Jose's** role was to bring data-driven decision-making into an operation that runs on manual work orders and field experience — that included building an agentic AI system to estimate operational emissions automatically.

**ON ADVICE TO FUTURE INTERNS**

> **Speak the operator's language. If your work only makes sense to people who already care about climate, it will not survive your departure.**



## AMANDA SUGIHARTO

**MBA '27 / Business Strategy Intern**

**Amanda's** internship brought the circular economy and sustainable supply chains in the tire industry one step closer to commercial reality. She spent the summer building out the commercial strategy for AKIN's rubber biorefinery platform ahead of raising a pre-seed round.





## JENNIFER SUNG

**MBA '27 / Summer Intern, Project and Corporate Finance Clients Department (PCF), Global**

AIIB ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK

The two deals **Jennifer** worked on this summer pulled her into different corners of sustainability. One was a water and sanitation private company in Brazil serving millions of people. The other was a cathode and anode materials subsidiary in Morocco serving the EV battery supply chain. "What they share is that neither is easy for any private commercial lender to underwrite alone," she says.





## GEORGE WENZEL

**SDM '27 / Venture Investment Intern**

SA BANCI CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES

**George's** summer centered on grid flexibility, decarbonization, and deep-tech innovation. Through his work, he helped address challenges in modernizing the grid through projects that involved deal diligence, investment theses & landscape studies, and quantitative analysis.

**ON LESSONS LEARNED**

> [The internship] reinforced that scaling sustainable technology requires pairing technical viability with solid unit economics, clear market adoption pathways, and regulatory alignment.



## ALEXANDRA ZORN

MBA '27 / New Business Development Intern

Cuscatlan Development Consortium

**Alexandra's** internship sat at the intersection of climate-resilient agriculture, biodiversity and rural livelihoods. Her work included building the investment case for Cuscatlan Development Consortium's (CDC) agroforestry ventures in El Salvador, and building relationships across the local agroforestry ecosystem.

ON LESSONS LEARNED

> What is missing is not the land or the crop — it is a clearer on-ramp for investors who are curious about agriculture but do not know how to get comfortable with the risk profile. I want to be part of building that on-ramp.



**Thank you to our donors.**

Your generosity provided our 2026 interns with the opportunity to take on impact-oriented roles. We couldn't be prouder of what they accomplished.




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