



International Affairs Program

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IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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Internships on the Horizon

March is prime time for students to secure summer internships, and IAFS students are actively exploring opportunities that connect global issues to real-world experience.

Internships play a critical role in helping students apply classroom learning, build professional skills, and clarify career goals—and alumni connections often make all the difference. If your organization is offering internships or project-based opportunities with an international or globally focused lens, we invite you to share them with us at IAFS@colorado.edu so we can add them to our [Internship and Job Opportunities page](#).

Students are also engaging through the [IAFS Internship Program](#), and this month's newsletter features an alumni and student highlight showcasing their experiences with internships. In addition, [CU's Career Services](#) is hosting two internship fairs in March and April! You can register as an employer if you have internship and job opportunities, or register to attend as an alumnus (details in the Upcoming Events section below).



Rodayna Eissa's Work with the Mwebaza Foundation

We recently had the opportunity to connect with IAFS student **Rodayna Eissa** (IAFS '26) and learn from her experience in the **IAFS Internship Program**. Rodayna has been working with The Mwebaza Foundation, educating and connecting children in Uganda and Colorado, fosters a sense of global citizenship with the children through education.

Read **IAFS Internship Program Spotlight: Rodayna Eissa's Work with the Mwebaza Foundation** to learn more.



Where Are They Now?

This month, we're featuring **Emma Sanderson** (IAFS & SPAN '21), who shares how her IAFS experience—and the internships she completed along the way—helped launch her career in foreign policy. She reflects on her recent graduate school achievements and offers a glimpse into her life now in Washington, DC.

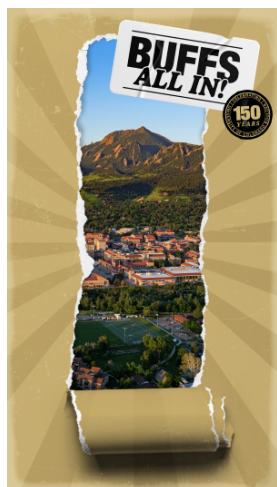
Read **Where Are They Now: Emma Sanderson (IAFS & SPAN '21)** to learn more.

Faculty Highlight – Elizabeth Franz (PACS)

Many IAFS alumni will recognize the impact of the **Peace, Conflict and Security Program** (PACS) coursework on their academic and professional paths. In a recent interview, PACS instructor **Elizabeth Franz** shares how she brings real-world mediation practice into the classroom, helping students build practical conflict-resolution and collaboration skills. Franz also discusses her work as a 2025–26 Center for Teaching & Learning Faculty Fellow, exploring innovative, democratic, and play-based approaches to teaching mediation.

Read **Building Confidence in Conflict: Elizabeth Franz on Mediation Education** to learn more.





Buff's All In!

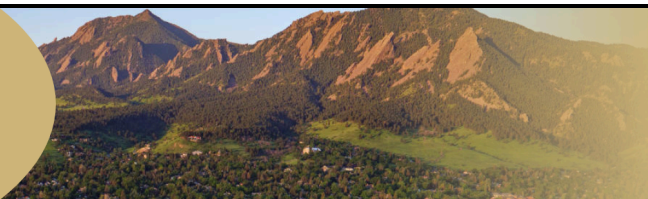
Buff's All In is CU Boulder's annual giving campaign, uniting our community in support of students, research, and programs throughout March. Learn more about the areas of support and donor challenges on the Buff's All In website.

To help IAFS students with expenses related to internships, research, or their off-campus experience, you can donate directly to the **IAFS General Fund**. This fund supports the **Scholarship in Experiential Education** (SEED), covering costs like transportation and meals so students can turn real-world experiences into meaningful learning.

Every gift counts!



JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



All Industries Virtual Career & Internship Fair
March 10 - 3-7pm

[Register as an Employer](#)
[Register as an Attendee](#)

All Industries Just In Time Career & Internship Fair
April 2 - 11am-4pm

[Register as an Employer In Person](#)
[Attendee Information](#)

TEDxCU – April 4 @ 2pm

Alumni Weekend – April 10-13

Conference on World Affairs
April 13-16

IAFS Graduation
May 2 @ 1pm

Have news to share?

Do you have stories to share or know of internships, jobs or events that may interest IAFS alumni or students? Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know!

Check out our [Alumni Spotlight](#) and [Internship and Job Opportunities](#) pages for updates.

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