

**Presidential Interns'
Profiles
11th Cohort**

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Khadija Boutchich
History and Archaeology
College of Charleston
United States of America

Khadija Boutchich is the Presidential Intern at the Office of Academic Support and Progress. She holds a degree in History and Archaeology from the College of Charleston. She has prior experience working at the Academic Success and Retention Office at the College of Charleston and has studied abroad in Meknes, Morocco, and Baia Mare, Romania. She believes that this experience will help her develop a better understanding of her Moroccan heritage.



Haley Bennett
International Business and Finance
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
United States of America

Haley Bennett was originally from DeKalb, Illinois. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in international business and a minor in finance from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She has had many experiences throughout her career that have led her to where she is now. Toured with Blue Lake Fine Arts International around Europe singing opera in 2018 and later was an intern for the same program in 2024 as an international department assistant. Before graduating, she had the opportunity to tour Morocco, which is how she discovered Al Akhawayn. Her time at Al Akhawayn will be spent within the Communications and Development Department, assisting the team with future missions. From this experience, she wishes to gain a better understanding of Moroccan culture and direction for future opportunities.



Qiwen Lin
Political Science and Economics
Franklin University Switzerland
China

Qiwen Lin is currently interning with the Employability and Entrepreneurship Office. Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Qiwen went abroad to Switzerland for her Bachelor's studies in a combined major in Political Science and Economics at Franklin Switzerland, where she has developed a strong interest in international affairs and hopes to pursue a career that allows her to work internationally and create a meaningful, real-world impact. In her spare time, Qiwen enjoys cooking, hiking, and travelling, which reflect their curiosity and appreciation for different cultures and experiences.

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Benjamin Heinlein

*International Studies with minors in TESOL
and Leadership Studies*

West Virginia University

United States of America

Ben Heinlein is an Intern with the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and the Office in Charge of Accreditation. A native of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, Ben graduated from West Virginia University with a B.A. in International Studies and minors in TESOL and Leadership Studies. His professional background is mostly in childcare and education, as well as recent work in State Government and Public Service. Ben's ties to Morocco began with a study abroad year in Meknes, where he studied Standard and Moroccan Arabic, culture, and regional affairs. He looks forward to learning more about higher education in Morocco and strengthening his Darija. In his free time, he is an active member of Rotary International and loves to volunteer, watch sports, and be with his family.



Sabrina Carvalho

Administration

Federal University of Ceará

Brazil

Sabrina Carvalho is originally from Pará, in the Brazilian Amazon, and is currently completing her degree in Administration at the Federal University of Ceará (UFC). She has a background in project management, with experience in education, technology, and social impact initiatives, including work with organizations such as Coca-Cola Company, government institutions, and Alura, one of Brazil's largest education technology ecosystems. At AUI, she is part of the Strategy Office. Her interests lie at the intersection of strategy, innovation, and sustainability, particularly in how these areas can contribute to economic transformation and sustainable development. In her free time, she enjoys music, traveling, practicing yoga and kitesurfing, and exploring new cultures. Throughout her career, she has led more than 120 projects impacting over 15,000 professionals across the private and public sectors. Looking ahead, she hopes to build an international career at the intersection of strategy, innovation and sustainable development, contributing to collaborative solutions that create long-term economic and social impact. At AUI, she hopes to learn more about institutional transformation and innovation in an international higher education environment, while contributing her own perspective and learning from the diverse AUI community.

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Brooke Greer

Communication Studies

Saint Mary's College

United States of America

Brooke Greer is a Presidential Intern in the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship, originally from Chicago, Illinois, USA. Last May, she graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. Having previously studied abroad in Seoul, South Korea at Ewha Womans University, she brings a global perspective to her role. During her time at AUI, she hopes to promote student success through marketing and communication and deepen her understanding of Moroccan culture. She anticipates that this experience will expand her academic and professional horizons, providing unique perspectives for her studies in law school.



Heitor de Oliveira Baffa

Linguistics with a Focus on Arabic and Semitic Languages

University of São Paulo

Brazil

Heitor de Oliveira Baffa is a Brazilian Presidential Intern for the Center for Teaching and Learning. He holds a degree in Linguistics with a focus on Arabic and Semitic languages from the University of São Paulo. He was awarded a merit-based scholarship for Arabic for Non Native Speakers Program at Qatar University. Passionate and proactive, Heitor has a strong background in languages and translation, serving as an interpreter for Arabic, English and Portuguese languages. He is also concerned about international affairs, and has attended and contributed to various forums, meetings and conferences. At AUI, he looks forward to sharing his experience and establishing connections between Latin America and North African countries.



Haneen Abdalla

International Relations and Sustainability

Studies with minors in Arabic and Philosophy

University of Texas at Austin

United States of America

Haneen Abdalla is currently serving as an intern at AUI Global. She spent most of her life in Texas, but was born and raised in Khartoum, Sudan. She received dual bachelor's from the University of Texas at Austin in International Relations and Sustainability Studies, as well as minors in Arabic and Philosophy. While at UT, Haneen interned with various nonprofits such as Texas Book Festival, and was a Clements fellow for National Security. She hopes to use this experience to pursue further work in educational policy research. In her free time, Haneen likes to cook, read, and needlefelt.

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Zeelaf Zubair

Political Science

Lahore University of Management Sciences
Pakistan

Zeelaf Zubair is a Presidential Intern working with the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship, originally from Islamabad, Pakistan. She holds a BSc (Hons) in Political Science from the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), which includes an exchange semester at Sciences Po, France. Her background spans policy work with Pakistan's National Assembly and Federal Board of Revenue, alongside research with ACET Global and the South Asian Strategic Stability Institute. She's also served as a Youth Ambassador for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), volunteered with UNICEF France, and was the sole South Asian delegate selected for the U.S. State Department's Exchange Program at Georgetown University. She is looking forward to bringing this experience in policy research and cross-cultural leadership to her time at AUI.



Asia Tonelli

*Linguistic Mediation with Specialization in
International and Diplomatic Relations*

Uniccollege
Italy

Asia Tonelli is currently a Presidential Intern at AUI Global Office. She graduated last July in Linguistic Mediation with a specialization in International and Diplomatic Relations at Uniccollege, Florence, Italy. Given her interest in international politics, in April 2024 she had the opportunity to take part in the simulation "Change the World Model for the United Nations" in New York. In addition, she has had various volunteer experiences, including working at a shelter for mothers and children (July-August 2024), and during her Erasmus study abroad program in Spain, she taught Spanish to migrants at the Red Cross in Aranjuez, Madrid (November-December 2025). She decided to undertake the Presidential Internship at AUI because she considers it an important opportunity for both personal and professional growth, a chance to immerse herself in a dynamic and multicultural community where students and staff from different parts of the world collaborate and learn from one another, as she plans to earn a Master's Degree and continue her studies in the field of International Relations. Moreover, she believes that spending time in Morocco would provide her with a deeper understanding of the social, political, and cultural dynamics of the MENA region beyond what can be learned in textbooks; in fact, she hopes to continue studying Arabic, especially the Moroccan Darija dialect, in order to keep improving so that she can speak it fluently.

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Sajid Muhammad Khan

BSc (Hons) Politics and Economics
Lahore University of Management Sciences
(LUMS)
Pakistan

Sajid Muhammad Khan is a Presidential Intern with AUI's Employability and Entrepreneurship (E+E) Office. He is from Chitral in northern Pakistan, and he graduated from the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) with a BSc (Hons.) in Politics and Economics. Before coming to AUI, he worked as a research assistant on a multi-institutional RCT studying female entrepreneurship and mobility, in collaboration with LUMS, the University of Oxford, and Careem. He was a participant in the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (KL-YES) Program, where he spent an academic year in the United States as a cultural ambassador. He is hoping to bring his interest in data-driven development work to AUI's E+E Office while gaining hands-on experience in project coordination and analytics. In his free time, he enjoys playing football and volleyball.



Daniel Olmos Tejado

International Relations and Global Studies
focusing on European Studies and
International Political Economy, with a minor in
International Business
University of Texas at Austin
Mexico

Daniel Olmos Tejado is currently serving as a Presidential Intern with AUI Global. Originally from Mexico City, Mexico, Daniel later moved to San Antonio, Texas, before attending The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Studies, focusing on European Studies and International Political Economy, with a minor in International Business. His academic and professional experiences have taken him across different cultures, including studying abroad at Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid, Spain, and completing a marketing internship in Seoul, South Korea. Daniel hopes to build a career in international business and creative industries, working with organizations across borders to connect global perspectives, cultural exchange, and meaningful opportunities. During his time at AUI, he looks forward to expanding his understanding of international partnerships, contributing to AUI's global initiatives, and being part of an organization making an impact in Morocco and across East Africa. In his free time, he enjoys photography, traveling, films, and exploring fashion and visual storytelling.

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