

**Presidential Interns'
Profiles
10th Cohort**

PIP Cohort 10 2025 - 2026



Sarah Finch

*International Studies, Minor in Jewish,
Islamic, and Middle Eastern studies*
Rhodes College
United States of America

Sarah Finch is an intern with AUI's Employability and Entrepreneurship office. Born in Sierra Vista, Arizona, Sarah spent her childhood in various countries and U.S. states before attending Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She received her B.A. in International Studies and minored in Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern studies. Sarah's undergraduate interest in intersections of culture is what drew her to Morocco and to AUI, and she is thrilled to be in Ifrane! In her free time, she enjoys cooking, yoga, needlepoint, and watching baseball.



Alexandra Sandeva

*Political Science with International Affairs
Concentration*
Georgia State University
United States of America

Alexandra Sandeva is currently interning with the Employability and Entrepreneurship office. While raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Alexandra is originally from Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Affairs from Georgia State University, and a Master's degree from the same institution in Political Science with a concentration in International and Comparative Politics. Through her extensive time participating in Arab League, United Nations, and African Union University simulations, she has cultivated knowledge on various regions and how to best make an impact in the world. She hopes this experience will allow her to expand her knowledge even further and prepare her for a career in higher education.



Cynia Manning

Political Science
University of the Pacific
United States of America

Cynia Manning is currently serving as a presidential intern for the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship. She graduated from the University of the Pacific in California with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Her professional ambitions are to work with educational policy and in higher education as a student affairs practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys thrifting, poetry, and binge watching Netflix dramas. During her time at AUI, she hopes to support rising ambitious leaders for the workforce as well as prepare them for employment globally.

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Rayanna Townsend
*International Studies with Comparative
Cultures Focus*
Susquehanna University
United States of America

Rayanna Townsend is currently serving as a presidential intern for the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and the Accreditation Unit. She graduated from Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies with a Comparative Cultures Focus and a Master's degree from SIT Graduate Institute in International Education. She aspires to start a career as a Program Coordinator at a third party study abroad provider, and hopes to work her way up to an International Education Program Designer. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, learning languages and baking. During her time at AUI, she hopes to gain hands on knowledge regarding the implementation of International Education programs that she can utilize in her future endeavors.



Charles Cheatwood Jr
*Business Administration with Integrative
Business Concentration*
Mercer University
United States of America

Charles Cheatwood Jr is a Presidential Intern for the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship, originally from Richmond, VA United States. This past May, he graduated from Mercer University with a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Integrative Business. He desires to use his experience at Al Akhawayn to demonstrate a commitment to optimizing workflows and driving process improvement. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to music, exercising, or watching sports.



Zayna A. M. Abdel-Rahim
*International Relations, Minors in Japanese and
Diplomacy*
Texas State University
United States of America

Zayna A. M. Abdel-Rahim is the Presidential Intern for the Language Center. She graduated from Texas State University with a BA in International Relations and minors in Japanese and Diplomacy. She recently completed her second internship in Washington, D.C., where she worked for the National Council on U.S. Arab Relations', focusing on the Model Arab League program. Some of her notable accomplishments include an internship at the Embassy of Jordan in Washington, D.C. and twice serving as a citizen diplomat of the United States, first to Japan on the Critical Language Scholarship and more recently to Morocco on the Gilman Scholarship.

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Ashley Campagne
International Business and Arabic
University of Tennessee
United States of America

Ashley Campagne, a current Presidential Intern at the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship, was born and raised in Clarksville, Tennessee. She recently graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.A. in International Business and Arabic. During her undergraduate studies, she served as Treasurer and President of the Language World Business Student Association, facilitating cross-cultural events to promote student involvement. Additionally, she spent a semester in Rabat, Morocco, where she took courses in Modern Standard Arabic, Darija, and Moroccan history. While working at Al Akhawayn, Ashley hopes to use these prior experiences to positively impact the university's student population in a meaningful way.



Saba Urooj
Political Science
Lahore University of Management Sciences
Pakistan

Saba Urooj is currently a Presidential Intern at the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. She earned her Bachelor degree in Political Science with Political Institutions and Public Management concentrations from the Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan. She has prior experience working in the National Assembly of Pakistan's Women's Parliamentary Caucus, a Policy Intern in the Research Wing, and the President of the LUMS Policy Research Initiative. She believes that having this experience in the intricately rich and exciting environment of Morocco will support her development of intellectual breadth and personal resilience for her future career.



Umayma Mohsin
Sociology with a Social Work Concentration & Communications
University of the Pacific
United States of America

Umayma Mohsin is serving as a Presidential Intern with the Office of Academic Support and Progress. Born and raised in Lodi, California and of Pakistani heritage, Umayma obtained her Bachelors degree in Sociology with a concentration in Social Work and a Bachelors degree in Communications from the University of the Pacific, California. As a first-generation college student, she has pursued academic and professional opportunities that reflect her passions for education, student support and cross-cultural engagement. Having previously studied abroad at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, she brings a global perspective to her role and a strong interest in fostering inclusive academic environments. During her time at AUI, she hopes to contribute to student success initiatives while deepening her understanding of higher education in an international context.

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Pietra Regis Adriano Balbino
*International Relations with Latin American
Politics and Environmental Studies Focus*
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Brazil

Pietra Regis, originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is currently a Presidential Intern for the Athletics and Student Services Department. She holds a degree in International Relations with a focus on Latin American Politics and Environmental Studies. She completed a Political Science and Public Policy student exchange experience in Hyderabad, India as well. Passionate and proactive, Pietra has a strong background in sports including cheerleading, volleyball, handball, football and artistic roller skating. She is deeply committed to social impact and equity through volunteer work. At AUI, she looks forward to sharing her global perspective while learning from the Moroccan and international community..



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