



Operations Internship

[SAI Sustainable Agro](#) is an agricultural venture that has been working since 2013 in Odisha to implement a climate friendly agroforestry model on tribal small and marginal farmer lands. We work in Koraput, Rayagada and Malkangiri Districts, where we have implemented a model of clonal eucalyptus plantation with finger millet on partner farmer lands. The clonal eucalyptus is harvested and sent to the paper mills, primarily JK Paper Mill in Jaykaypur. SAI provides inputs at the farmer's doorstep, technical support, access to machinery, finance and assured market linkages at no upfront cost to the farmer. We simply subtract the expenses from the revenue, and then share the profits with the farmer. We are working with around 2000 farmers, have implemented the model on 3500 acres so far and have planted more than 2.4 million trees.

We are looking for two interns who have an interest in social impact, and sustainable agriculture. The roles are based in Tikiri, Rayagada, Odisha and will involve a lot of fieldwork.

The main tasks of the interns will be the following:

1. Assist SAI Field Team in 2021 plantation activities, data collection, and identification of new field areas for 2022 plantation.
2. Assist the Field Team in conducting an assessment on the status of the plantations in SAI's operational areas. This task will also involve verification of input and labour payments received by SAI farmers.
3. Conduct SAI's Social Impact Survey 2021 with SAI and non-SAI farmers.
4. Any other tasks as assigned.

Who are we looking for:

1. Someone with an interest in the agriculture and social impact sector.
2. Someone who enjoys field work even when there is challenging terrain involved (the region is hilly).
3. Past field experience in rural areas.
4. Preferable: Candidates with a background in Agriculture, Social Work, Environmental Science or Rural Development. However, we are happy to consider candidates outside of these domains, and age is no bar as long as the candidate is passionate about working with farmers and has patience as one of their strong suits.

5. Required: Fluency in Odia and the ability to drive a scooty/motorcycle.

Duration:

The internships would be 3 months long. Post the internship should the performance be good, there are possibilities of working full-time with us.

Stipend:

The interns would receive a total of Rs. 8,500 per month. This will include Rs. 5,000 per month as a stipend, Rs. 2,500 as housing allowance and Rs. 1,000 as petrol expenses. In addition, there are field performance incentives available as well.

Expected Date of Joining:

As soon as possible.

To apply, please send in your CV along with a short brief about your field experience (if you have any) to saisustainableagro@gmail.com.