SIAS SCHOOL OF INTERWOVEN ARTS AND SCIENCES
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School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences

FUTURE PATHWAYS & OPPORTUNITIES | *Undergraduate AY 2025-26*



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At Krea, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door — it expands into boardrooms, labs, communities, and campuses across the world. Through immersive internships, faculty-led research, global exchanges, and personalised career support, our students build the skills, perspectives, and networks that prepare them for a future without boundaries. The academic year 2025–26 reflects this spirit, with students from across years engaging in immersive internships, research collaborations, and international experiences, while the graduating Cohort of 2026 steps into diverse future pathways — from global universities to leading corporates and entrepreneurial ventures. This report captures the breadth of their journeys, where knowledge meets practice and exploration leads to impact.



Global University Partnerships and Opportunities

University	Opportunities & Scholarships – Overview
University of Sussex (UK)	Eligible Krea graduates can receive a combined £6,000 through the Partnership Award (£3,000) and the Sussex India Scholarship (£3,000), enabling them to pursue Master's degrees across disciplines at Sussex.
Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge (UK)	Annually, one Krea student will be selected for the prestigious Lakshmi Scholarship Programme, offering a fully funded Master's degree covering tuition, living expenses, travel, healthcare, and visa costs, subject to securing a Cambridge offer.
University of Bristol (UK)	Tuition fee scholarships are available, along with opportunities for academic progression, collaborative research, and faculty exchange.
Sciences Po (France)	Semester exchange opportunity with home tuition continuing at Krea and living expenses paid at Sciences Po, offering deep academic and cultural immersion.
Northeastern University (USA)	Partner tuition scholarships and access to pathways leading to high-demand, innovative Master's programmes. The partnership also offers a 3.5 + 1.5 Master's progression pathway, enabling eligible undergraduate students to continue to Northeastern for postgraduate study after completing 11 terms at Krea.
University of Liverpool (UK)	Semester abroad and 4+1/ 3+1 Graduate pathways, with fee reduction options
Exeter University (UK)	Tuition fee scholarships and direct progression opportunities to postgraduate degrees in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.
Johns Hopkins University (USA)	Tuition fee scholarships and access to the Global +1 Programme, offering a direct pathway from a Krea undergraduate degree to an MS at the Carey Business School.
Macquarie University (Australia)	Dual-degree BA/BSc (Honours) 2+2 programme: students complete the first two years at Krea and the final two at Macquarie, graduating with degrees from both institutions.
and many more international opportunities that broaden academic, professional, and cultural horizons.	

The Krea Story

1970s
IFMR, Asia's 1st Finance training and research institution opens its gates to research

1990 - 2002
Begins engaging with global management researchers and educators

2002 - 2012
Transforms into a full-fledged B-School with research focus in Quantitative Finance

2012 - 2016
Finds a home as a residential campus at Sri City, an industrial hub in Andhra Pradesh, around 70 km from Chennai

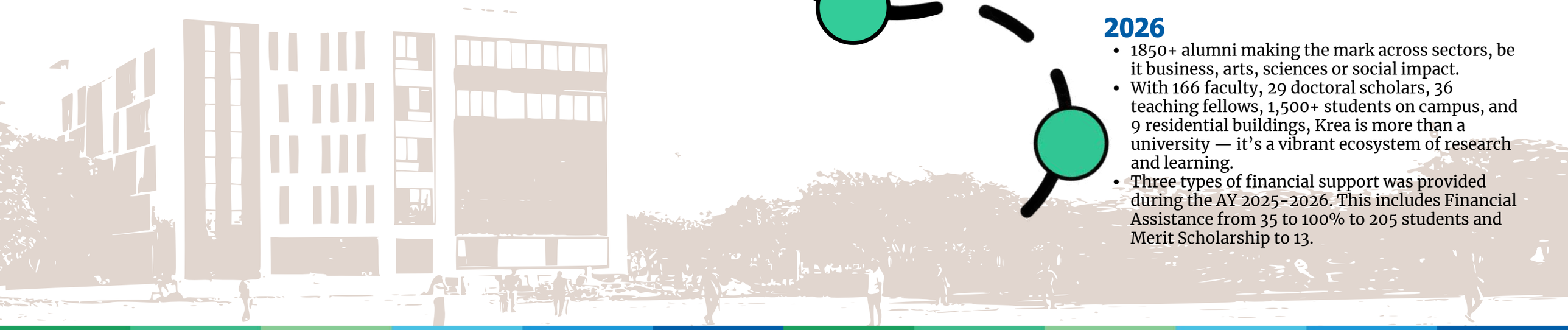
2018
The birth of Krea University
SIAS welcomed its very first 113 trailblazers in Liberal Education, while IFMR GSB opened its doors to a dynamic MBA cohort of 175 students

2023
Launch of the Flagship 5-Year Integrated MBA

2024
Launch of Krea Doctoral College

2025
- Introduction of the Krea Macquarie 2+2 Dual Degree Programme
- Inauguration of the advanced Behavioural and Neuroimaging Lab

2026
- 1850+ alumni making the mark across sectors, be it business, arts, sciences or social impact.
- With 166 faculty, 29 doctoral scholars, 36 teaching fellows, 1,500+ students on campus, and 9 residential buildings, Krea is more than a university — it's a vibrant ecosystem of research and learning.
- Three types of financial support was provided during the AY 2025-2026. This includes Financial Assistance from 35 to 100% to 205 students and Merit Scholarship to 13.



From Krea to the World

1,850+ alumni shaping the future across business, arts, sciences, policy, and social impact—driving innovation, pursuing advanced research, and serving society with purpose.



Vedenati Dubey
Economics, BA
Cohort of 2021-24

Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow



Chehek Agarwa
Double Majors-Psychology and Economics, Cohort of 2020-23

MSc in Management-Imperial Business School in Fall 2026



Ajith Damodaran
Biological Sciences, BSc
Cohort of 2019-22

Teaching Fellow, Plaksha University



Gayatri Tendulkar
Chemistry, BSc (Honours),
Cohort of 2022-26

MSc in Immunology & Molecular Microbiology, John Hopkins University



Yashvi Sharma
Biological Sciences, BSc (Honours), Cohort of 2022-26

Masters in Environmental Management, Yale School of the Environment, USA.



Ritvik Paarekh
Environmental Studies, BSc (Honours), Cohort of 2022-26

MA Development, Azim Premji University



Shipra Sanjay
Literature, BA (Honours)
Cohort of 2022-26

MSc in Linguistics George Town University



Sparsh Makharia
Computer Science, BSc (Honours), Cohort of 2022-26

Master's in Management, INSEAD



Mansi Shagrithaya
Biological Sciences, BSc (Honours), Cohort of 2022-26

MSc Clinical Neuroscience, University College London (UCL)



Anurag Kartikeyan
Chemistry, BSc (Honours)
Cohort of 2022-26

Masters of Pharmaceutical Industry Practice, The University of Queensland, Australia



From Classroom To Career: CSO Guidance

At Krea, the Career Services Office (CSO) engages with students throughout their four-year journey to prepare them for both industry and higher education opportunities. From early guidance on study abroad planning and summer internships to workshops on effective college research and identifying the best-fit programmes, students receive structured support at every stage. The CSO also offers resume writing workshops, guidance on crafting impactful Statements of Purpose, and personalised higher education support through office hours. In addition, students benefit from pre-placement talks by leading organisations such as Pari Washington, KPMG, Indus Guru, Federation for Economic Development, Retain IQ, Great Place to Work (GPTW), NIIT, Teach for India, IFFC and more, ensuring they are well-equipped to navigate career pathways and make informed decisions about their futures.

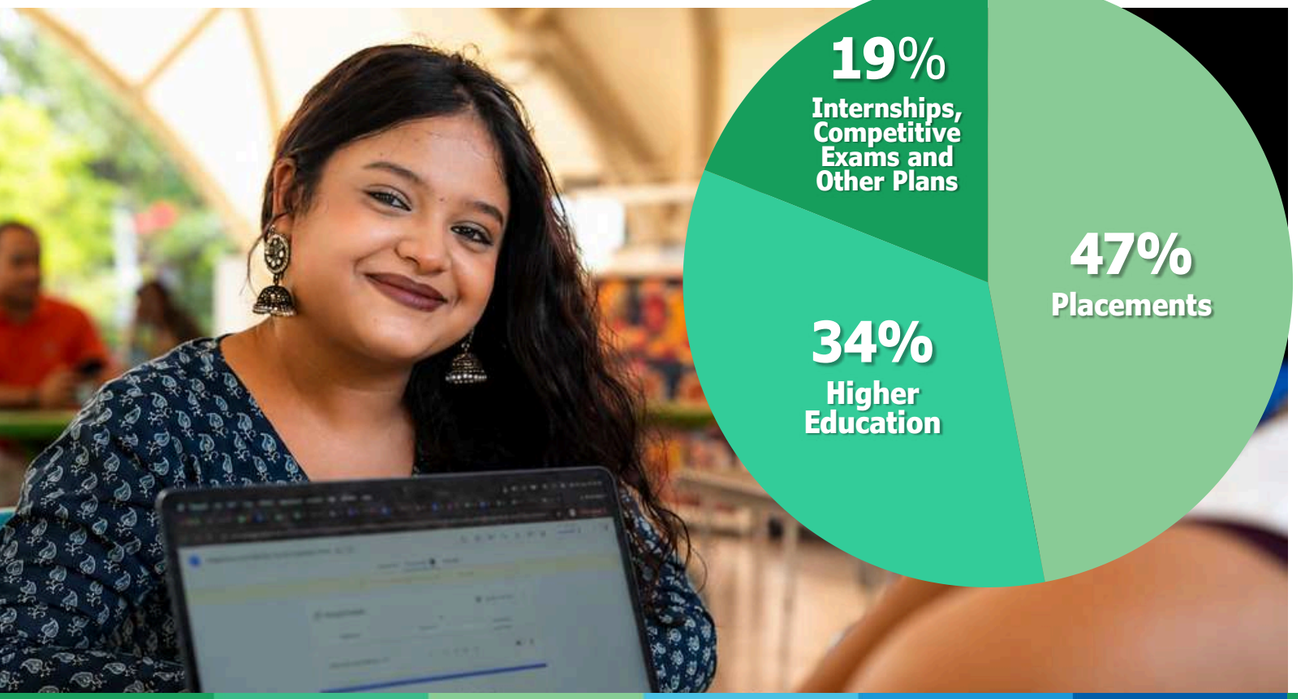
Academic Year 2025–26 Highlights

- **10+ Pre-Placement Sessions**
- **11+ Higher Education Prep Sessions**
- **Global Institutions from 9 Countries engaged with students for higher education opportunities***

*(*During higher ed day hosted on 15 October 2025)*

Future Pathways | Class of 2026

- **Placements: 47% (68 students)**
- **Higher Education: 34% (49 students)**
- **Transition Year (Internships, Competitive Exams and other plans): 19% (27 students)**



Postgraduate Opportunities and Global Destinations

Most Popular Fields of Further Study: Master's in Life Sciences and Biology, Environmental Sciences and Sustainability, Economics, Psychology and Clinical Psychology, Management and Business, Physics, Public Policy, Development and Public Health, Data Science, AI and Computing, Chemistry and Chemical Sciences and more.

Where our students are headed to:

United States
- Columbia University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Washington University in St Louis
- Yale University (Yale School of the Environment)

Netherlands
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Groningen

Denmark
- University of Copenhagen

Australia
- The University of Queensland

United Kingdom
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- University College London (UCL)
- University of Leeds

France
- INSEAD

Ireland
- Trinity College Dublin

15% of our students pursuing higher education secure offers from Ivy League and other globally prestigious universities.

Offers from Ivy League and Other Prestigious Global Universities

Yale University · INSEAD · Johns Hopkins University · Columbia University · LSE – The London School of Economics and Political Science · Georgetown University · Washington University in St. Louis · Imperial College London

10+ Offers from Top Indian Schools

Azim Premji University · chg · Manipal Academy of Higher Education · Christ (Deemed to be University) Bangalore | Delhi NCR | Pune · Whistling Woods International – Institute of Film, Communication & Creative Arts · Kautilya School of Public Policy · SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University · Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

Alumni Spotlight



My three years at Krea were among the most formative years of my life. It was here that I fell in love with History, developed an interest in museums and art, and discovered my passion for curation. The History faculty played an invaluable role in shaping these interests through their teaching, mentorship and generous support, from feedback on applications to letters of recommendation.

Sharanya Maity
BA, History | Cohort of 2021–24
SOAS, University of London | MA Curating Cultures | Felix Scholar



Krea's interdisciplinary curriculum encouraged me to explore subjects beyond my academic interests and comfort zone, ultimately leading me to study Biology—a subject I had never pursued before. Studying Biology broadened my understanding of health beyond the mechanisms of disease and helped me recognise the importance of looking at health at a population level, shaping my decision to pursue a Master's in Public Health. Krea also taught me to approach questions with curiosity, think critically and evaluate scientific evidence rather than accept conclusions at face value. Through my capstone project, I learned to identify gaps, assess existing research and explore opportunities for meaningful intervention—an approach I hope to carry forward in public health.

Sumedha Gupta
BSc (Honours), Biological Sciences | Cohort of 2022–26
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine | Master of Public Health



The year-long independent research project embodies what made my experience at Krea so unique. It encouraged me to define my own question, pursue it with curiosity and learn through the uncertainty that comes with research. Having a faculty advisor who challenged my thinking without prescribing it made the journey especially meaningful. More than learning how to conduct research, I learned to question assumptions, refine ideas and stay with difficult problems long enough to understand them. More than any technical skill, this way of thinking has been the most enduring part of my Krea experience—and one I will carry forward at LSE.

Pakhi Chachra
BA (Honours), Economics | Cohort of 2022–26
London School of Economics | MSc Economics



I pursued Environmental Studies at Krea, a degree that helped me discover and deepen my passion for the environment. I further explored this interest through my work in the non-profit climate change sector, gaining valuable real-world experience and grounding. Krea helped me build my foundation in the field and shape my early understanding, while my professional experience allowed me to apply that learning to real-world challenges. The combination prepared me well for my Masters.

Ishita Bagri
BA, Environmental Studies | Cohort of 2019–22
Yale University | Master's in Environmental Management



Jahnavi Chandramouli
Economics and Environmental Studies (Joint Major)
Cohort of 2019-22
Ex-ESG Analyst, KPMG
Master's, University of Copenhagen
Analyst at The Footprint Firm, Copenhagen



Vatsalya Betala
BSc (Honours), Computer Science and Mathematics
Cohort of 2022-26
Columbia Engineering
Master of Science, Artificial Intelligence, Jul 2026 – Dec 2027



Deepaknarayan S
BA, History and Political Science
Cohort of 2020 –23
Masters International Affairs and Securities, Jindal School of International Affairs, Oct 2025-2026



Fatema Surti
B (Honours), Economics
Cohort of 2022–25
Founder of Tokyo Diner
Master's at Imperial College London



Kartik Nair
BSc (Honours), Computer Science
Cohort of 2019-23
Head of Sales Marketing - Sterling Print House



Chirag Singhal
BA, Economics
Cohort of 2019-22
MBA Sports Management, Deakin University
Competition Coordinator, Volleyball ACT, Australia



Adnan Qureshi
BSc (Honours), Computer Science
Cohort of 2020-2024
Management Trainee, Pari Washington



Adwaiy Tholia
BA (Honours), Economics
Cohort of 2020-2024
Analyst - Disputes & investigation team, Alvarez & Marsal

Placement 2025-26

Number of students placed **68**

- **24** through CSO
- **34** through independent opportunities
- **10** through other channels

Recruiters Engaged **40+**

Job Descriptions received through CSO **45+**

Highest Salary Offered
Rs 10 LPA

Average Salary Offered
Rs 7 LPA

Median Salary Offered
Rs 8 LPA

Industry Spread of Student Opportunities

Consulting & Professional Services
- KPMG
- Indus Guru

Technology, IT & Research
- NIIT
- Coral Research

Advertising, Media & Communications
- Cause & Effect (Memdoxfashion LLP), BEING

Social Sector/Impact Consulting
- LEAD
- Federation for Economic Development
- Sattva Consulting

Education and EdTech / Non-Profit
- NIIT
- Lumiere
- The Apprentice Project (TAP)
- iTeach
- Raising A Mathematician Foundation

Financial Services / Business Advisory
- State Street
- Tokio Marine



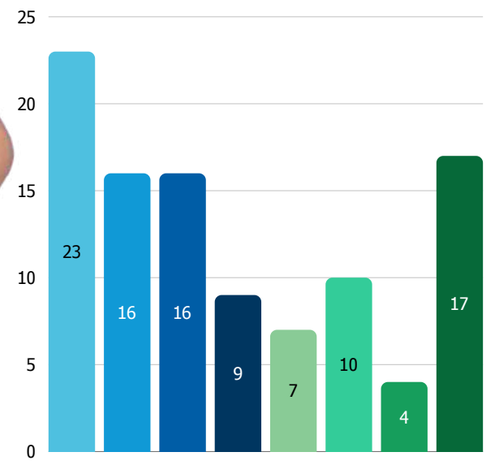
Notable Recruiters

KPMG · Foundation for Economic Development · NIIT · LEAD Leveraging Evidence for Access and Development, KREA University · IndusGuru The Expertise Network

Roles Offered

Organisation	Sector	Role(s) Offered
KPMG	Consulting	• Programme Management Analyst – Learning Solutions (Higher Education)
IndusGuru The Expertise Network	Consulting / Talent Solutions	• Business Development Associate
NIIT	EdTech	• Pre-Sales Coordinator • Associate Content Writer • Analyst
State Street	Financial Services	• Apprentice – FICC (Fixed Income, Currencies & Commodities)
Foundation for Economic Development	Development / Public Policy	• Programme Associate
Great Place To Work.	HR Consulting	• Management Trainee
GradRight	EdTech	• On-the-Job Trainee
CORAL Research Services	Research and Consulting	• Research Executive / Trainee – Qualitative Research

Placements by Sector



23%	Education, EdTech and Training
16%	Research, Data and Analytics
16%	Consulting and Professional Services
9%	Social Impact, Nonprofit and Public Policy
7%	Healthcare and Life Sciences
10%	Startups and Entrepreneurship
4%	Finance, Banking and Business Services
17%	Others
100%	Total

**Based on CSO and Self found jobs*

Placement and Internship Experiences: Recruiter Speaks



During the internship, the SIAS students made a valuable contribution to the planning, outreach, and execution of the School Inclusion Summit, a flagship advocacy initiative that brings together educators, policymakers, families, students, and civil society to advance inclusive education, social-emotional learning, and student wellbeing. They demonstrated professionalism, initiative, and a collaborative spirit throughout the internship, and their efforts were instrumental in supporting the successful delivery of the Summit.

Tayzeem Rasool, ***Trainer, School Services Team, Ummeed***



We sincerely appreciate the outstanding contributions of our two summer interns from Krea University through the SAGE Programme. Throughout their internship, they demonstrated exceptional professionalism, initiative, and a genuine eagerness to learn.

Their work in research and documentation was consistently thorough, well-structured, and of a high standard. They approached every assignment with enthusiasm, displayed strong analytical and problem-solving skills, and regularly went beyond their assigned responsibilities to add value to the team. Their adaptability, collaborative approach, and willingness to take on new challenges made them valuable contributors throughout the internship.

It was a pleasure to work with them, and we commend them for their dedication, maturity, and positive attitude. We wish them continued success in their academic pursuits and future careers.

Shaheena Ahluwalia, ***Head of SAGE, The Echo Network***



Shifanaz Shaikh interned with Futurowise this summer and was a dependable and valuable member of our team. She consistently demonstrated professionalism, punctuality, and strong communication skills throughout her internship.

In her operations and coordination role, Shifanaz managed her responsibilities efficiently and approached every task with diligence and a positive attitude. She was organised, proactive, and quick to adapt, contributing effectively to the smooth functioning of the team.

We appreciate her commitment and work ethic, and wish her every success in her future academic and professional endeavors.

Devesh Lathi, ***Founder and CEO, Futurowise***

Student Speaks



My summer internship gave me valuable exposure to policy research, data analysis, and AI-enabled research workflows. Building a Claude-supported data interface introduced me to datasets such as ASI, PLFS, UN Comtrade, and Screener, and showed me how they can inform sectoral and policy analysis. Working in a professional environment also helped me connect economic concepts with real-world challenges, strengthening my analytical skills and understanding of the intersection of data, economics, and public policy.

Vasudha Lohia, ***Year 3, Intern, Federation for Economic Development***



My summer internship at Vidya Bhawan Society strengthened my communication, facilitation, and teamwork skills through hands-on work in community-based education. Conducting interactive learning sessions with students helped me grow in confidence while giving me a deeper understanding of how education can create meaningful impact. The experience allowed me to contribute to students' learning while developing valuable interpersonal and professional skills.

Suraj Upadhyay, ***Year 2, Intern, Vidya Bhawan Society***



The CSO team was a great support system throughout the placement season. They were always available to answer questions and point me in the right direction. I truly appreciate their hard work in helping me land my position at KPMG.

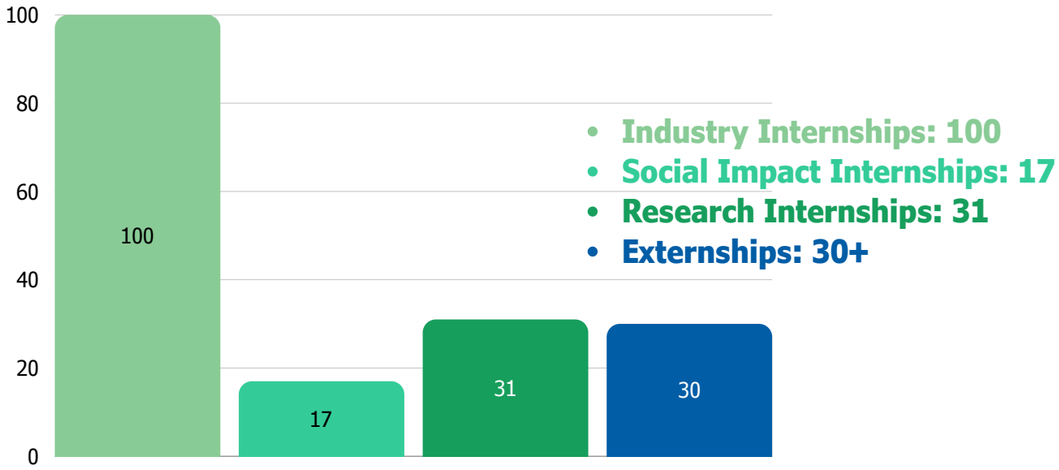
Arul Shankar, ***BA (Honours), Economics | Analyst, KPMG India***



"Joining KPMG India marks a significant milestone, both professionally and personally. The journey here was not straightforward — it was paved with challenges, resilience, and the invaluable guidance and mentorship I received from CSO, which played a key role in helping me secure this opportunity. Inspired by the women whose stories of determination I grew up admiring, I now carry forward those lessons with a deep sense of responsibility. This opportunity is a dream come true, and I look forward to blending my skills with the innovative spirit at KPMG, contributing meaningfully while embracing the many learnings that lie ahead."

Ritika Menon, ***BA (Honours), Economics Analyst, KPMG India***

Internship Highlights: Academic Year 2025-26



Participating Companies

Year 1

Companies	Roles Offered
15+	75+

Year 2 and 3

Companies	Roles Offered
20+	100+

Note: *Many students secure internship opportunities independently; the figures above combine CSO, faculty-facilitated and self-arranged internships.*

Social Impact Organisations

20+ Year 1 students secured social impact internships with organisations including

and more

Industry and Research Internships

100+ Year 2 and 3 students secured industry internships across organisations including:

and more

In addition, several students pursued research opportunities with Krea faculty and at institutions such as NIT Silchar.

Disclaimer: *Some of the roles were secured independently by students and are presented here for reference only.*



Internships - Across Year 1 to Year 3

Sector	Percentage
Education and EdTech	18.30%
NGO / Social Impact / Development	17.50%
IT / Technology / Digital	12.50%
Healthcare & Mental Health	8.30%
Finance / Banking / Financial Services/Government / Public Policy / Political	11.70%
Consulting / Professional Services/ Media / Communications / Advertising	12.50%
Consumer / FMCG / Retail/ Industrial / Manufacturing / Infrastructure/ Research / Science / Environment	13.40%
Hospitality / Travel / Food Services	2.50%
Others	3.30%
Total	100%

A few of the roles offered by Participating NGOs for Year 1 Student

- **Praja Foundation** - Research Intern
- **Teach For India** - Impact Ed Intern
- **Aam Aadmi Party** - Political Intern
- **Centa** - Product Intern, Operational Work Intern
- **Barefoot** - Annual Report Designer, Fellowship in Graphic Design & College Outreach Intern for Female Youth in Sports
- **Sahodari Foundation** - Digital Creator, Social Media Assistant, Art Coordinator, Design Assistant

A few of the roles offered by Participating Corporates and Start up's for Year 2 and 3 Students

- **The Echo Network** - Structured Data Preparation and Documentation & SAGE Summer Intern
- **The MentorPark** - Growth Project of The MentorPark, Social Media Intern
- **Folk Frequency** - Folk Summer Program Intern
- **Inclusion Economics India Centre** - Research Intern
- **WELL Labs** - NRM Early Warning System, Research Intern
- **The Urban Catalysts** - Media and communications intern

Externships

30+ SIAS Students

Externships across 6+ domains

Mental Health | **Public Policy** | **Research** | **Education** | **Communications** | **Social Impact**

Notable Externship Partner

Faculty-Led Research Opportunities

36 Students. 15 Research Projects.

Students worked alongside Krea faculty on real-world research across Economics, Business, Political Science and Environmental Science — gaining hands-on experience in fieldwork, literature reviews and data analysis.

Topics of interest include:

- Reconstructing fractured archives: Exploring memory, data and complexity with Dr Rakesh Sengupta
- Tracing India's tourism history: Researching the archives with Dr Aasique Iqbal
- Inside a financial heist: Investigating operational risk in BFSI with Dr Rajiv Rajendra
- Constitutional questions, then and now: Researching diversity and democracy with Dr Sambaiah Gundimeda
- When the sacred becomes political: Examining the Tirupati Laddu controversy with Dr Sambaiah Gundimeda
- The future of genetic selection: Exploring the cultural politics of embryo testing with Dr Shiv Issar
- When data meets the body: Exploring wearables, self-tracking and the ideal self with Dr Debankur Saha
- From business problems to Python models: Building interdisciplinary case studies with Dr Shouvik Bhattacharyya
- Mapping the invisible sky: Developing image-processing tools for airglow research with Dr Lakshmi Narayanan
- Rethinking how we approach death: Exploring a course in death management with Dr Jayasankar Ramanathan
- Teaching machines to see cinema: Using AI to analyse film language with Dr Mullai Thiagu

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