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SOBRE SALUD,
MEDICAMENTOS
E INNOVACIÓN
WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH, MEDICINES AND INNOVATION



Catalyzing a health innovation
system that works for all

Type of work

- **Translating** articles, blog posts, annual reports, etc. from Spanish to English
- **Researching** existing literature pertaining to SxD projects on access to pharmaceuticals, biomedical R&D, and patent laws
- **Writing a report** to be distributed to members of European Parliament (MEP) and other groups on biomedical R&D and SxD's *Catalytic Project*
- **Transcribing** interviews in Spanish and English with experts in fields related to the *Catalytic Project* for SxD's documentary
- **Updating SxD databases** on MEP contact information and party affiliation

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Fellow SxD summer interns (from UC Berkeley, Boston University, and Spain)



Most rewarding aspect of work experience

Seeing my work published on the SxD website was incredibly rewarding, but the most rewarding aspect of my work was the relationships that I formed with my co-workers. I really felt that my superiors took me under their wing, for example helping me look at different options for graduate schools or helping to talk me through how to make a career in health.

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How work impacted organization

- The most tangible impact of my work at SxD was seeing the articles I translated be published immediately on the SxD website and social media.
- Doing more rote work like transcriptions and updating databases took pressure off of my co-workers to finish their projects.
- Research on literature related to the *Catalytic Project* set the groundwork for later SxD work.

At the SxD offices on my last day of work



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Today we say goodbye to @jlshenk11 from @Princeton Thank you very much for a wonderful work!!! pic.twitter.com/r6sNzJqhXH

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How experience affected academic decisions and career plans

I am pursuing a certificate in Global Health and Health policy, and my experience at SxD reaffirmed my interest in health policy. I also realized that I am more interested in the politics related to health rather than clinical research, which will be helpful to keep in mind when choosing a research project for next summer. Career-wise, I had been a bit wary of working in non-profits because I thought they could be a little limiting since most have a narrow scope. However, all of my colleagues had worked with such a wide range of organizations in different fields that it really highlighted how fluid the field is, which really interests me. Also, my experience in Spain has prompted me to look into fellowships or job opportunities abroad.

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Enjoying the Festival de San Cayetano in Madrid with co-workers



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My IIP internship was a truly amazing experience, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity. Thank you IIP!

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