Name of organization & website URL: Destiny Foundation, http://www.destinyreflection.org/

Location of organization (incl. street address): A 129 Lake Gardens Kolkata 700045, INDIA

What is your preference for dates? (If there are particular dates between the last week in July and the first week in September, please indicate those.)
No such preference with dates.

If there is a mandatory language requirement, what language and how fluent must the fellow be?
The fellow has to be fluent in English.

Please provide a description of your organization including items such as history, mission focus, goals, and accomplishments.

Destiny Foundation was founded in 2007 by Smarita Sengupta and Becky Bavinger, two friends who shared a common goal of empowering disadvantaged women to become self-sufficient through gainful employment. Destiny creates safe, dignified and well-paid employment opportunities for women from shelter homes and brothels. All of the women at Destiny are either the victims of trafficking or are at high risk of being trafficked. It is our belief in Destiny that each and every woman deserves opportunities, and our goal is to provide the final step on the road to recovery for these women. The women are trained in sewing, stitching and textiles and make beautiful handcrafted items such as bags, wallets, kitchen accessories, home décor etc. The commercial arm of Destiny Foundation is called Destiny Reflection, which exports the products to countries like the USA, UK and Canada. Other than providing employment opportunities, Destiny Foundation strives to create a positive social environment to help the survivors of human trafficking reintegrate back into society. We have educational programs and health care support facilities for all the artisans. Destiny is more like a family to these women than just a workplace. Destiny has another educational project, a coaching centre for local children in the Sunderbans, an impoverished rural area in West Bengal, India which has a considerable number of women and children who are at high risk of being trafficked.

What is the nearest airport (with airport code)?
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport, Code: CCU

What are housing options? Approximately how much will this cost per week?
Home stay rent would approximately be $100( Rs. 4500) onwards per week for one room on twin sharing basis. Stay at hotel would cost approximately $50(Rs. 2500) onwards per day for one room on twin sharing

What is appropriate attire? What is the weather like between late June and early September? What is appropriate attire when not working?

Anything sleeveless/half-sleeved for tops and below the knee for bottoms is fine for women. It is monsoon during that time of the year, so expect heavy rains interspersed with hot and humid days. Make sure to bring rain friendly clothing.

Please provide estimates of other costs per week that the interns will need to pay for themselves. (Example: Food, lodging, transportation, etc)
Food and transport would approximately cost about $30-35 onwards per week.

**Do you regularly have interns working with you?** Yes

**What will the student intern be doing?**
We will discuss it with the interns according to the requirement at that point.

**Is there any compensation associated with the internship?** No.

**What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any?**
We are looking for business school students with majors in marketing or OMIS. Communications majors will also be considered.

**What would a typical day be like?**
A typical day would start at 10am. After meeting the artisans you could start working on your assigned work. Lunch happens at around 2pm after which you can continue working till office closure at 5pm. You can help the artisans with cooking lunch, talk to them and socialize, teach them English and computer skills, stitching and sewing.

**What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**
India is vast country with tremendous scope for exploration. Voluntourindia is a unique initiative by Destiny Foundation which facilitates tours which are meant for both exploration and social work. We arrange tours to the Sundarbans, the largest delta and mangrove forest in the world, also a UNESCO world heritage site; it is the same place where we run an education program. You could spend some quality time with the children who study there. Other than that we could also arrange tours to Darjeeling, a famous hill station; Puri, a culturally rich coastal city and many other interesting places. The travel expenses need to be borne by the individual.

**Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**
For more information visit our website: [www.destinyreflection.org](http://www.destinyreflection.org); Facebook page: Destiny Foundation/Reflection and [www.voluntourindia.com](http://www.voluntourindia.com)