

Gulf State Analytics Internship Program 2021

Gulf State Analytics (GSA) internships provide students and recent graduates with a unique opportunity to research Gulf/Middle East issues with geopolitical experts who have diverse backgrounds. This internship experience helps students and recent graduates deepen their understanding of the region, hone research and analytical skills, and learn how to think more critically in an intellectually rich environment.

These internships are unpaid. No relocation is necessary as these internships are done remotely and available year-round. A GPA of at least 3.0 is required; ideal candidates will have at least a 3.5 GPA. There are no language requirements.

Application Instructions

Send a cover letter, resume and/or CV, and past writing sample to contact@gulfstateanalytics.com with the words “Internship Application” in the subject. Second, include a response to one of the five questions below (see instructions above the questions). Please provide your response in an attached PDF file. Because GSA receives many applications, we can only contact applicants chosen for an interview. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

Write a 750-1,500-word analysis answering one of the following questions. Focus on making a persuasive, fact-based argument and be sure to provide sources (either as footnotes/endnotes or hyperlinks). Proofread your writing several times before submission.

- 1) Many US officials and analysts believe that China represents a threat to Washington’s geopolitical influence in the Gulf. In the next 5-10 years, how much of a wedge might China be expected to create between the US and its partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)?
- 2) In 2020, four Arab states—the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco—signed diplomatic deals with Israel. For the greater Middle East, what are the geopolitical implications of the Abraham Accords?
- 3) How does the Doha-Abu Dhabi rivalry play out in North Africa and how does Qatari-Emirati competition in this part of the Arab region impact US and European security interests?
- 4) The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran’s relationship has significantly deteriorated since the eruption of the “Arab Spring” in 2011. What are the prospects for a rapprochement between Riyadh and Tehran in the next several years?
- 5) The Saudi-Qatari rapprochement marked a major break throughout in the Gulf dispute that broke out in mid-2017. To what extent did the Gulf Arab summit held in al-Ula on January 5, 2021 resolve the GCC’s Qatar rift?