



## SOCIAL CHANGE INTERNSHIP [SCI] (Young Womxn's Edition)

“(SCI is) an amazing way to gain new perspectives and use **critical thinking** to identify a problem and solve it effectively. You also get amazing **mentorship** and **networking skills**. It’s especially great for people that want to be **entrepreneurs**, as this internship gives a lot of great lessons regarding how to make and market a product. It was also a really good experience to work on a project with like- minded people.”

- Anonymous Social Change Intern

### THE OBJECTIVE

Students are immersed in the entrepreneurial mindset, learn to network with peers, local entrepreneurs and organizations in their community, and create solutions to real-world problems during this 8-week internship.

Students will have a viable solution at the end of the internship that can be pursued beyond the program.

This cohort was only open to women and gender minorities as we continue to combat systemic gaps and barriers, and push for an educational culture that inspires and empowers women.

### THE IMPACT

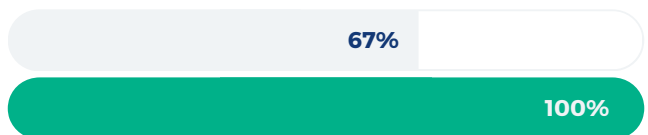
Students were immersed in design thinking training through this collaborative learning experience.

15 students across 11 different schools were selected for this edition of the Social Change Internship.

Startland piloted a new evaluation tool in collaboration with the Urban Education Research Center for our programming this year. Below are results for our sixth cohort of Social Change Interns:

% of Students who Agree or Strongly Agree

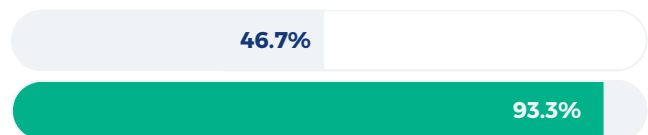
I am comfortable trying new approaches to solve problems.



I am comfortable making prototypes in order to explore ideas.



I have a network of people to help me explore and expand my career opportunities.



To read the full UERC report, click [here](#).

● Before SCI ● After SCI



Read our full blog recap of the Social Change Internship (Young Womxn's Edition) [here](#).



Check out our new branding—as well as more info—on SCI [here](#).





## COMMITMENT TO REAL WORLD LEARNING

### #MAKEITREAL

Startand's Social Change Interns create projects to combat social inequalities across the bounds of race, gender, sexuality, mental health, income status and more.

Read about the student projects from our most recent cohort of interns below:

#### **Project:** “Inclusivity Week”

**Interns:** Jamiah, Layla, Prisha, Sara

Addressing inequality between general and special education students, this team’s goal is to create a week where students from both areas come together to enjoy different activities together—ranging from arts to sports.



#### **Project:** “Young People of Color and the KCPD”

**Interns:** Nani, Jocelyn

Honing in on police brutality, this team suggests that an issue may be a lack of relationship between people of color and local departments. The interns pitched a 3-session experience for young people of color and KCPD to foster deep relationships.

#### **Project:** “For Students, By Students”

**Interns:** Aaliyah, Tyra, Suhani

Highlighting migrant student success rates and the need to support their acclimation to new homes (and, thus, schools), this team hopes to implement academic support and peer-to-peer learning in migrant educational services.



#### **Project:** “Comfort Packages”

**Interns:** Al, Guadalupe, Iman

Fighting the stigma of people’s menstrual cycles, this team created a discrete solution for students to grab-n-go in the classroom. Unveiling the prototype during our showcase, the package features heating pads, snacks and motivational stickers.

#### **Project:** “Lead With Confidence”

**Interns:** Jia, Miranda, Madison

Hoping to aid in making mental health a more regular conversation amongst students, the team’s goal is to promote information around mental health through an Instagram account with information provided/vetted by licensed therapists.





## OUR ALUMNI

### THE NEXT PHASE

Startland has graduated 94 students through our Social Change Internship. Interns often continue to pursue their solution once the program is over.

Here are some of our alumni who have continued working on their projects post-internship:

#### GirlsLeadKC

Women only account for a fraction of the elected officials in the United States. This means laws that affect women lack a female voice. Girls Lead KC works to solve this problem through empowering young women. Established in 2021 through the Social Change Internship, Annie, Elise and Kripa have been working to inspire young women to pursue a career in politics through workshops.

[Learn More](#)



#### Eye of An Immigrant

The Eye of An Immigrant began as a storytelling campaign, through our Social Change Internship, that aimed to provide immigrants and first-generation immigrants a platform to share their stories on. Now, Komal and Jasneet hope to leave a greater impact and provide resources to help immigrant families address a multitude of issues.

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**Elise Belcher**  
*Spring Hill High School*



**Annie Fingerish**  
*Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy*



**Kripa Gauba**  
*Blue Valley West High School*

#### Eye of An Immigrant



**Komalpreet Kaur**  
*Olathe East High School*



**Jasneet Kaur**  
*Olathe East High School*

#### Students of Change



**Zara Jamshed**  
*Blue Valley North High School*



**Vari Patel**  
*Blue Springs South High School*



**Leila Pedreros**  
*Crossroads Preparatory Academy*

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