



## BENEFITING STUDENTS IN RURAL INDIA

The program provides benefits to Pai Junior College and Kalleda Rural School in multiple ways, both directly and indirectly:

- **Improve students' ability to speak English.** At Kalleda, English training has lagged behind the teaching of other subjects because of the expense of attracting and retaining fluent English teachers. When English-speaking students from Washington University come to the school, the rural school students quickly begin to hone their language skills by talking with them.
- **Learn new skills.** American students have taught such skills as photography, drama, starting small businesses, spreadsheet and word-processing skills, web page design, and more.

- **Open up the world.** Contact with American students for the students from rural India and small Indian villages broadens their view of the world, which enriches their lives in unpredictable ways.
- **Develop talented advocates for rural India.** Many Washington University students will leave the village with a new sense of commitment to rural India and, likely, with a lifelong engagement with India. After graduation, Washington University students will go on to become educators, policymakers, scientists, investors, philanthropists, and much more — in short, they will be in a position to influence others about the challenges and opportunities for young people in rural India.

"In a phrase, going to India was a life-changing experience. The trip helped me to learn more about a world of which I don't have experience, but I also learned a great deal about myself. I was always interested in environmental problems that affect the developing world, but seeing these issues firsthand in India added humanity to my course work and focused my career path on sustainable development."

**A.J. Singletary**  
Arts & Sciences '08

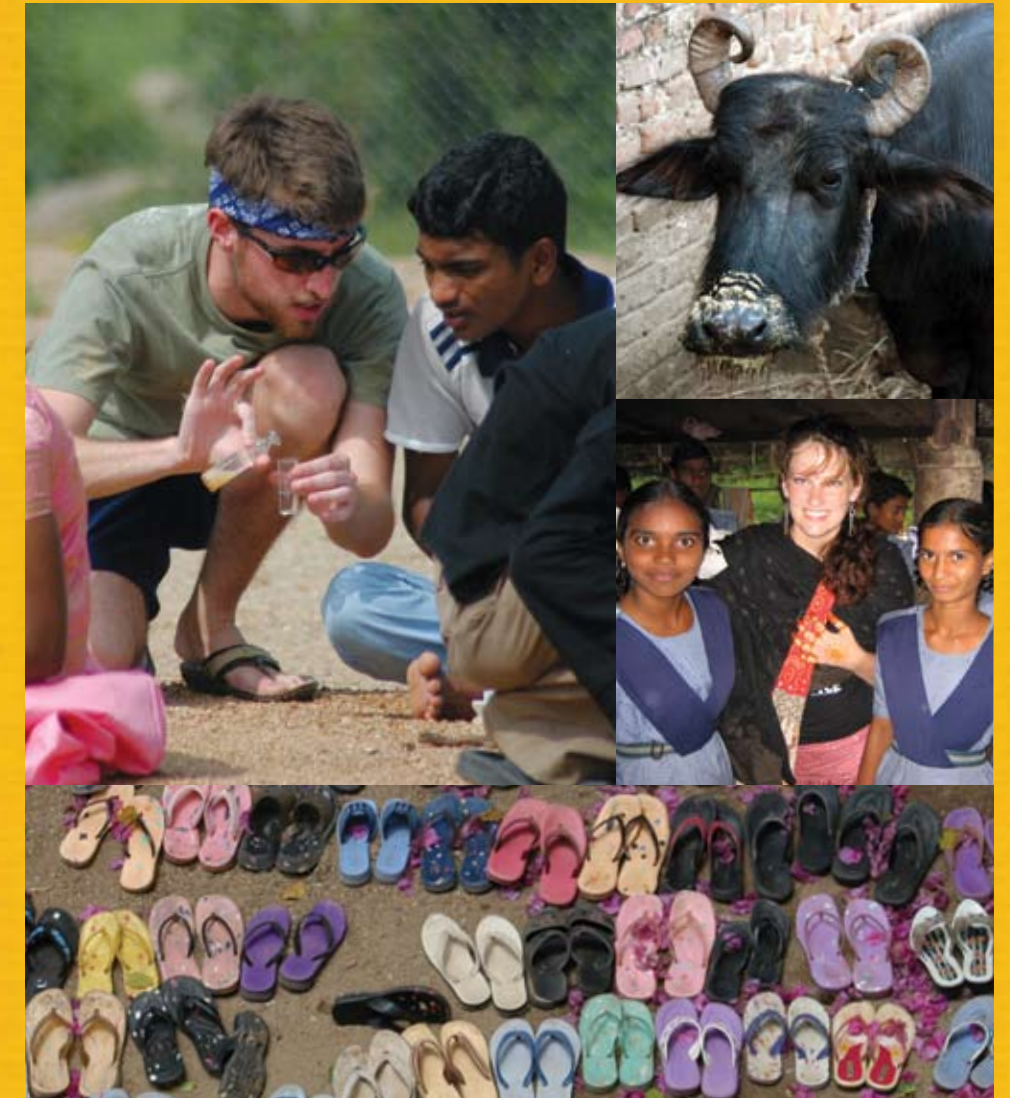


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Washington University's Department of Anthropology in Arts & Sciences offers a special summer opportunity to a select group of Washington University students. The program is designed for students with an interest in experiencing village life in India, in exploring anthropological research in the field, and in service-learning through teaching in an Indian classroom. The program is directed by Glenn Davis Stone, professor of anthropology, who has conducted research in this area for the past seven years.

"When I left for the Village India Program, I expected to learn about Indian culture, or about my research, or even how to teach English. Once I was there, I realized I was learning about myself. The experience challenged the way I live in America, the types of interactions I have, and the friendships I make. I found that I could operate a research project in a foreign country and that I could form lasting friendships with my students despite our different backgrounds and languages. I found I could make the occasionally tough and very different way of living into the greatest adventure of my life."

**Kelley Greenman**  
Arts & Sciences '09



This six-week study abroad program is based at Pai Junior College (grades 11-12) in Kalleda Village, Warangal District, Andhra Pradesh, India. Opened in 2007, Pai Junior College is associated with — and located next to — Kalleda Rural School (grades 1-10), one of several schools run by the Rural Development Foundation, a foundation based in Hyderabad. Washington University students selected for the program will be housed at the Junior College and will teach students there. They will also have the opportunity to participate in the

## THE PROGRAM IN INDIA

In Kalleda, each Washington University student will teach a course in English that he or she has designed. The objective of the courses is to give the Indian students experience in speaking and writing English and to expose them to subjects and activities lacking in the local schools. Subject matter has varied from photography to drama to environmental science to creative writing to American culture. Courses have also taught practical skills. Course templates will be provided, and students will design their courses in consultation with Professor Stone.

Students in the Village India Program earn 5 units of 400-level credit in anthropology.



operation of a well-run nongovernmental organization active in rural development and education.

Kalleda is a village of around 2,500 in a rural agricultural area, where the main crops are rice and cotton. It is home to a wide range of castes and communities, with farmers, toddy-tappers, shop-keepers, and craftsmen. Kalleda Rural School is housed in a beautiful old estate. Besides making education affordable for the poor, the school takes care of individual needs of the children like food, textbooks, notebooks, training, and extracurricular activities.

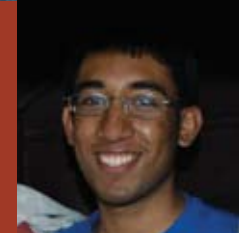
**Research is optional:** Washington University students may pursue a research project, under the guidance of a faculty mentor, while in India. Those interested in conducting research should discuss their intent with Professor Stone.

Some transportation will be available to allow participants to travel around the area. Field trips to Warangal and Hyderabad are included, and time is left for optional independent travel at the end of the program.

Kalleda is a highly picturesque area, providing students with unusually good opportunities for photography.

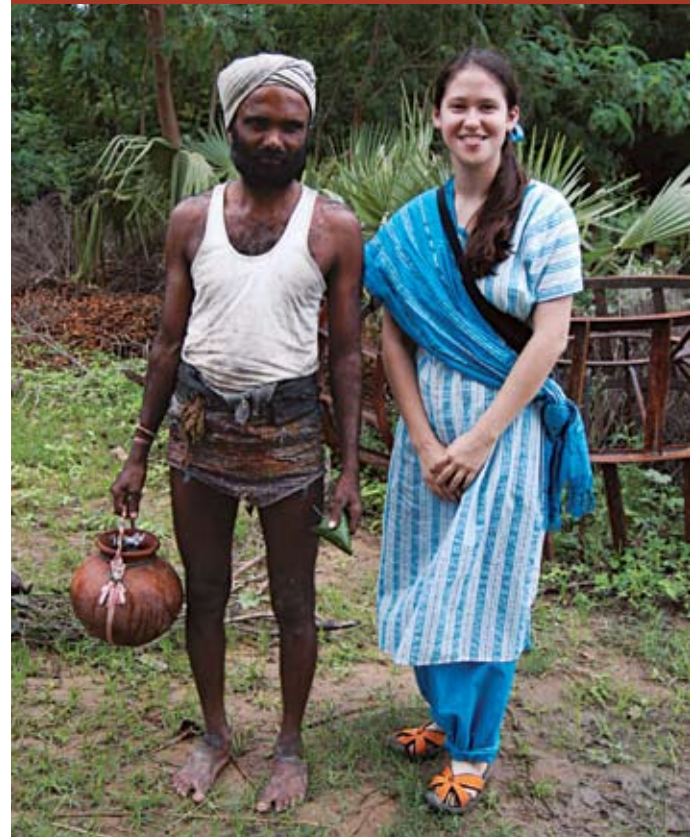


"The Village India Program provided me the opportunity to help rural India. It has been my dream to open a health clinic in India, my motherland, and this program has given me a prelude to my future career."



**Venu Reddy**  
Engineering '08

"I am grateful to the Village India Program for the experience of working with an organization like the Rural Development Foundation, which has shown me the impact that good intentions and passion can have on those in need."



## APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

To apply for the program, use the online application form at <http://artsci.wustl.edu/overseas/> (see under "Announcements") or obtain one from Ms. Jennifer White Reding at [overseas@wustl.edu](mailto:overseas@wustl.edu).

The application deadline is **February 1**. Interviews will be conducted between February 4-8.

## TUITION AND EXPENSES

Tuition for the program is \$3,800, which covers 5 credits, housing, meals, research expenses, transportation within India, and on-site coordinators and translators. Airfare is usually \$1,800-\$2,200. Some travel subsidy and tuition scholarships will be available. The program is committed to helping those selected meet the program costs.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the Village India program, please contact Professor Glenn Davis Stone at [stone@wustl.edu](mailto:stone@wustl.edu) or Ms. Jennifer White Reding at [overseas@wustl.edu](mailto:overseas@wustl.edu) or visit <http://artsci.wustl.edu/~anthro/RDF/vip>.