



22/F Connaught Marina, 48 Connaught Road West, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong <https://www.voyage-my.org/>

Role: Summer Associate

Location: Hong Kong SAR

Duration: 2.5 - 3 months between June to August

Company Background:

Established in 2015, Voyage is a mission-driven non-profit that actively manages a portfolio of long-term, strategic initiatives to achieve impact at scale. Their portfolio has shaped >800 million USD in strategic philanthropy in Asia targeting systems change in philanthropic sector building, poverty alleviation and livelihoods, youth and education, aging, disability inclusion, and mental health.

We work with leading partners to design, build and scale initiatives that represent the most strategic bets to achieve impact at scale. Our approach is to partner long-term to build initiatives tailored to the problem based on first principles. See four different examples below:

- **Rigorous evidence-based interventions:** Voyage is a partner to JC PROJECT LIFT (created and funded by HKJC Charities Trust) adapting an “Urban Graduation Approach” to enhance employability, family capacity and financial literacy for 4,200 underprivileged households, across 25 transitional housing sites in 11 districts. The impact of JC PROJECT LIFT will be rigorously evaluated with a longitudinal randomised controlled trial (RCT) to assess poverty alleviation outcomes over 6 years. The evidence generated aims to inform “targeted poverty alleviation” strategies in Hong Kong SAR, and urban poverty alleviation strategies globally;
- **Large-scale last-mile social delivery systems:** Since 2018, Voyage has been a partner with a grassroots collaborative which has now facilitated access to social protection for over 4 million migrant families. The collaborative works across 5 countries in South Asia and South East Asia and aims to facilitate social protection for 15m by 2028, whilst supporting Governments to improve social protection systems to sustainably deliver a safety net at scale;
- **Impact investment venture fund and technical assistance facility:** 900m people in low-middle-income-countries lack access to life-changing assistive technology (e.g. hearing aids, prosthetics, orthotics, wheelchairs). Governments and charities are unable to sustainably meet demand with existing products that are unaffordable, so ATX focuses on deploying patient capital to revolutionise AT access in low and middle-income countries. Voyage has been a partner since 2019;
- **Multi-year research-to-action:** The Commission on Asian Philanthropy aims to accelerate the change in the trajectory of Asian philanthropy toward its full potential for social good. The big opportunity to increase the quantum and quality of Asian philanthropy is domestic; e.g. China’s philanthropic market is 27bn USD a year and India’s is 15bn USD a year (growing at 7% and 10% CAGR respectively). The Commission will drive the research to enable Asian countries to learn from one another to advance the growth and professionalization of their domestic philanthropy ecosystems. Voyage is the co-secretariat overseeing planning, research and implementation of collaborative projects.

The Role:

Voyage is seeking passionate and driven Summer Associates to work across portfolios including but not limited to Education and Youth, Poverty Alleviation, and Strategic Philanthropy. Summer Associates at Voyage are expected to be active contributors to projects from day one, by playing the following roles:

- **Strategist:** Conduct comprehensive research and analyses to inform identification of the highest leverage opportunities within issue area(s) or jurisdiction(s) that could achieve impact at scale
- **Collaborator:** Engage in internal brainstorming / debates and facilitate collaboration with trusted partners, including leading foundations, scholars, research partners, and sector practitioners
- **Learner:** Actively acquire new knowledge and skills, proactively reflect on both project and own professional development progress and drive continuous improvement



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Experience required:

- Enrolled in a top-tier bachelor's degree program, Year 2 or above (before June 2025)
- Demonstrated passion for social impact and capabilities in strategic thinking, research, and analyses;
- Proven ability to collaborate with peers and across multiple stakeholders;
- Full working proficiency in English and Cantonese or Mandarin;
- Advanced analytical skills, with proficiency in software such as R, are a plus.

Character traits required (these are essential to fit for this role):

- Your own, internal bar for the quality and impact of your work is substantially higher than external parties' expectations of you;
- You are highly self-reflective and believe growth is multi-dimensional at the intersection of emotional maturity, psychological health and professional development;
- You enjoy proactive problem solving from first principles, and don't need "recipes to follow" to feel comfortable in ambiguity;
- You measure impact by external real-world outcomes achieved, not by "satisfaction" of internal or external parties, or by internal organisational markers like size or growth.

Why join Voyage:

- **See ideas all the way through to impact at scale:** We focus on the most strategic bets and we commit long-term to see ideas through to implementation at scale. Your work will be highly intellectually stimulating and deeply fulfilling;
- **Deep commitment to your personal and professional development:** We offer an accelerated career trajectory in the impact sector, and strong performers may receive fast-track interviews for graduate positions. We invest in your future through on-the-job training and feedback, internal learning programs, monthly 1-1 coaching sessions;
- **Push the boundaries of the sector with industry leaders:** Voyage is at the forefront of the sector, trusted by influential philanthropies across the region. Initiatives like the Commission on Asian Philanthropy aim to shape the sector for decades to come.

Recruiting Timeline:

- The hiring process includes an initial application review, an offline task simulating the work at Voyage for shortlisted candidates, and interview(s) for top performers;
- Please send your cover letter and resume (in one PDF document) to ben.suen@voyage-my.org (or to reach out with any questions about the role);
- Applications are processed on a rolling basis, so it is beneficial to apply as early as possible.