Summary

"UNU-CS is a research institution that explores the field of ICTD (Information and Communication Technologies and International Development. My work with the Digital Peacekeeping Lab provided me the chance to engage with social science research in an in-depth way, which I haven't been able to do before. I was able to work on analyzing large amounts of qualitative data from focus groups into useful themes that can generate key insights on how technology can assist UN peacekeepers".

Relation to Your Major

"ISyE gave me a familiarity with the ICT field and a problem-solving process which was helpful in the work. The work definitely pushed me to think from a multidisciplinary perspective, being able to understand different people and types of users within the peacekeeping operations, using social science skills while working on qualitative data, all with an underlying background and understanding of technology and how systems can be designed to help people".

Funny Experience

The funniest cultural experience I had was going to a cafe and trying to order a "Pineapple Ice" drink from the menu. I was expecting a cold pineapple juice drink or maybe even a pineapple smoothie. What I did not expect was cut-up pineapples floating in ice! It was literally "pineapple and ice."