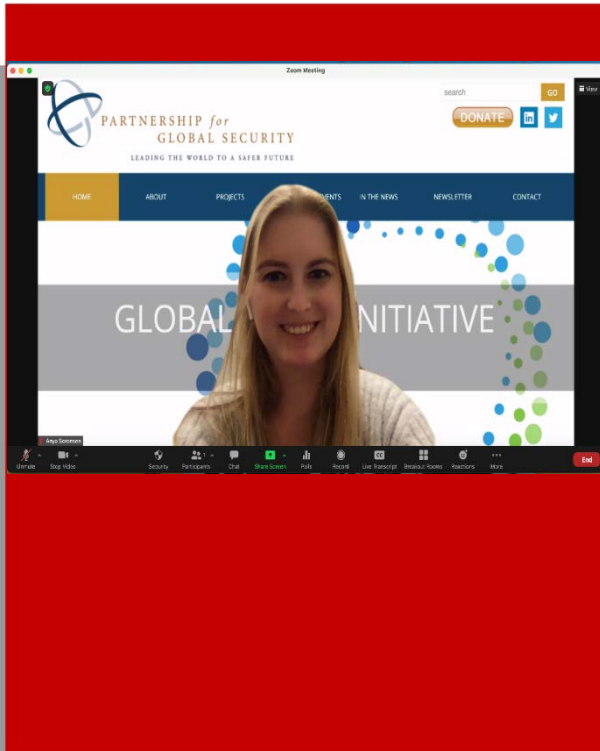




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Anya Sorensen '22 Partnership for Global Security

Anya Sorensen is a member of the class of '22 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At Dartmouth, she is a double-major in government and Middle Eastern studies, with a special interest in the Arabic language, politics and development of the Middle East, and international security issues. Outside academics, Anya is involved with the Arabic Club, the Dartmouth Democrats, and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

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Executive Summary from Anya's final report:

At the Partnership for Global Security (PGS), the title I was given reflects the expectations and responsibilities I had. Instead of being just an intern, I was a research assistant and treated as a full member of the organization. PGS relies heavily upon its interns as insufficient grant funding prevents them from hiring very many full-time research assistants. The high expectations that the organization had for me and lack of clerical work or "busy work" was a major positive of this experience. I genuinely felt like the work I was doing was contributing to the mission of PGS and that I was really getting to experience what working as a research assistant at a think tank was like.

I also greatly enjoyed the amount of work that PGS had for me. My supervisor, Daniel Kim, lived and breathed PGS and was always willing to give me more work. Coming from Dartmouth, I'm used to

having a lot of work to complete in a short period of time. Having a lot of work kept me engaged in what I was doing and excited about the work.

A third and final positive about my internship at PGS was my ability to pick what I wanted to research and learn about. While I was given research parameters—such as it had to involve nuclear energy—picking my exact topic was ultimately left up to me. As one of my majors (and interests) is the Middle East and North Africa, I chose a topic related to it. This agency in selecting my research focus allowed me to make the experience unique to me and guarantee its relevance to my future.

Working as a research assistant for a think tank for a period of about three months greatly improved my research skills, setting me up well for writing my government honors thesis this year. However, it has also shown me that I do not want to be a research assistant or work for a think tank following graduation. I enjoy learning about topics I'm interested in, but I need greater variation in my work.

The Partnership for Global Security is a phenomenal research center focusing on nuclear developments around the world. Their small size gives their research assistants great agency in determining the path of their research and great opportunity to learn about topics of interest.