

Below are links to resources for students interested in microfinance. Microfinance is the practice of providing basic financial services to low-income clients including individuals, organizations and communities. Various types of microfinance service providers have emerged including: non-government organizations/non-profits, cooperatives, community-based development institutions (e.g., credit unions), commercial and state banks, and insurance or credit card companies. Microfinance programs may be funded by loans, grants, philanthropists, social investors, local banks, foundations, or governments. Interested students are encouraged to volunteer with a microfinance organization, either in the U.S. or abroad, get to know the borrowers they may serve, work in a small business, and be generally familiar with the economic development industry. Contact the Career Center for additional assistance identifying opportunities of interest.

Microfinance Industry Information

HOPE International - The Work of Microfinance

<http://www.hopeinternational.org/site/PageServer?pagename=work>

Microcapital - Microfinance and Microcredit Investment

<http://www.microcapital.org/>

Microfinance Gateway - Financial Inclusion

<http://www.microfinancegateway.org/>

Microfinance Jobs & Internships Sites

Bankers Without Borders <http://bankerswithoutborders.com/>

Green Jobs Search - Microfinance <http://greenjobs.greenjobsearch.org/a/jobs/find-jobs/q-Microfinance>

Microfinance Gateway Jobs <http://www.microfinancegateway.org/p/site/m/jobs/>

Microfinancejobs <http://www.microfinancejobs.com/>

MyKro <http://www.mykro.org/tag/microfinance-jobs/>

SimplyHired.com <http://www.simplyhired.com/a/jobs/list/q-microfinance>

Small Business Administration (SBA.gov) <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-list/2>

Careers in Microfinance <http://www.onedayonejob.com/jobs-internships/microfinance/>

Key Microfinance Institutions

Accion - Microlending and Microfinance Organization <http://www.accion.org/>

American Student Assistance - Neutral Information About Student Loan Debt <http://www.asa.org/>

BRAC - Development organization dedicated to alleviating poverty <http://www.brac.net/>

CARE - Defending Dignity, Fighting Poverty - Microfinance Institution <http://www.care.org/>

CGAP - Advancing Financial Access for World's Poor <http://www.cgap.org/>

Charitable Microfinance Organization – FINCA <http://www.finca.org/>

Combining microfinance, education, and health protection to end world hunger - Freedom from Hunger <http://www.freedomfromhunger.org/>

Grameen Foundation Combining the power of microfinance and technology to defeat global poverty <http://www.grameenfoundation.org/>

Kiva - Loans that change lives <http://www.kiva.org/>

Microfinance a Working Solution to Global Poverty Opportunity International <http://www.opportunity.org/>

Microfinance Information Exchange Reports, Research, & Analysis <http://www.themix.org/>

Microfinance Interest Rate Data Promoting Transparent Pricing Microfinance Transparency <http://www.mftransparency.org/>

Microfinance Opportunities <http://microfinanceopportunities.org/>

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Pro Mujer - Provides poor women in Latin America with the means to build livelihoods

<http://promujer.org/>

Women's World Banking Investing in Women, Transforming Lives <http://www.swwb.org/>

Microfinance Professional Associations & Networking Sites

BWTP - Banking with the Poor Network <http://www.bwtp.org/>

MFCNY - Microfinance Club of New York <http://mfcny.org/>

Microfinance Council - ACCION USA <http://www.accion.org/>

SEEP Network <http://www.seepnetwork.org/>

The Silicon Valley Microfinance Network <https://svmn.wordpress.com/>