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 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  
Science-Social_Sciences-Economics-Development_Economics-Microfinance  
http://www.dmoz.org/Science/Social_Sciences/Economics/Development_Economics/Microfinance/  
Microfinance - Jobs, Training, & Companies Skills LinkedIn  
http://www.linkedin.com/skills/skill/Microfinance?goback=nppvan%2Fkevininfrostenenergy&trk=skills-rel-18  
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/p/site/c/  
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/  
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/](http://www.bwtp.org/)
- SEEP Network  [http://www.seepnetwork.org/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.seepnetwork.org/Pages/Default.aspx)
- The Silicon Valley Microfinance Network  [http://svmn.net/](http://svmn.net/)