

ISEP Internship Report – Daniel Ehrmann

When I began my internship at ISEP I didn't know what to expect. I had been assigned the position through my *Social Organization in Japan* course as part of a field placement, with the goal of observing the unique culture of a Japanese company and relating it with my own experience in the United States. IES reached out to ISEP for placement due to my interest in environmental issues. My focus for the internship was split between work on energy generation data and social acceptance of renewable energy infrastructure. Some highlights of tasks I worked on include resolving issues with a Python script responsible for downloading and formatting energy generation data, doing research on social acceptance programs for wind energy abroad, and reviewing English translations of research papers.

I am very grateful for my experience with ISEP Interns. I have learned a lot about energy generation, environmental concerns, and how organizations like ISEP are coming together to address these issues. I learned how a hybrid remote/in-person work model can bring the benefits of geographically diverse collaboration while still maintaining the familiar office culture where important and meaningful connections are made. The work I did challenged me, leaving me to feel like I had accomplished something important at the end of each workday. I constantly felt supported by other ISEP interns and staff. The onboarding process was very smooth, with the openness of working in Stock allowing me to quickly be caught up to speed with how tasks were organized, and Line made communication fast and easy even when I wasn't in the office.

I want to sincerely thank ISEP for giving me this opportunity to work, learn, grow, and make a difference. I had an extremely positive experience, and hope that the work I did was helpful for furthering ISEP's goals. The experiences I have had and perspectives I've encountered while working with ISEP are something I'll take with me into the future.