

RAGHAV ANAND



Raghav Anand obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, USA in May 2013. Taking full advantage of the liberal arts system, Raghav studied a wide array of subjects ranging from religion to musicology, which eventually narrowed down to focus on economic and political philosophy.

On returning to India after graduating, Raghav worked with a start-up that aimed to disrupt the country's education sector with an 'out-of-the-box' approach to learning. After being awarded the American India Foundation's William J. Clinton Fellowship, Raghav wanted to experiment with a few other sectors within the development space before deciding on a Fellowship placement, and therefore worked with CARE India for 4 months. Through his stint at CARE, Raghav realised the gravity of India's basic infrastructure problems, and decided to steer his career in the direction of water and energy access. He then got the opportunity to work as a Fellow with Piramal Sarvajal, a technology driven organisation that works on solutions to these very infrastructural issues in rural India.

On completing his Fellowship, Raghav decided to further his understanding of India's struggles with equitable access to water by working for a small start-up in Mumbai called Wello Water. Wello aims to use low-cost technologies to help alleviate some of these water related issues across the developing world. It is here that Raghav also discovered his interest in data-driven analysis – exemplified in his promotion to handling the organisations impact metrics and studies.

Raghav's work experience has allowed him to travel all across the rural hinterland of India, and he has gained valuable insight not only into the problem of water and energy provision itself, but more importantly into the mindset of the people who are affected most by it. This empathetic view is what inspired Raghav to delve deeper into this space by aiming to specialise in Energy, Resources and Environment at SAIS.

Raghav hopes to use his experiences at SAIS as a launching pad for a successful career in research, especially in informing government bodies of the impact of their decisions as they relate to people's ability to access natural resources essential to human life.

Raghav speaks Hindi and English fluently, and has also studied Mandarin Chinese for the four years he lived in Shanghai, China.