

Position: Media Content Producer

Location: Virtual

Supervisors: Dr. Meia Chita-Tegmark (Founder), Lucas Perry (Project Manager)

Organization Description: FLI is a non-profit focused on positive uses of technology. Our premise is that technology is giving life the potential to flourish like never before, or to self-destruct. Your job will be to help tip the balance toward the former. FLI's work focuses on the risks of modern technologies such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and nuclear weapons. You can see more of what we do here: https://futureoflife.org/what-we-do/ and who we are here: https://futureoflife.org/team/

Position Description and Responsibilities: We're looking for an intern to help us research and create educational content (think podcast or YouTube video) about lethal autonomous weapons by leveraging existing FLI podcasts, articles, and video content (see here: https://soundcloud.com/futureoflife/aiap-on-lethal-autonomous-weapons-with-paul-scharre), as well as conducting interviews with thinkers in the field, and engaging with other organizations in this space. Lethal autonomous weapons are weapons that select and engage targets without human intervention. They represent an early use case of AI technology that may lead to catastrophic outcomes and which will also set important precedents for the future of AI. We believe that proliferation of such a use of AI and the standard of allowing machine systems to make the decision to take human life sets in place poor standards that will make global coordination on even more powerful AI systems more difficult. Furthermore, the proliferation of such systems may lead to lower barriers to conflict, low global trust on AI governance, accountability issues in war, wide spread use of such weapons, escalation risks of conflict, and problems with the inherent unpredictability of autonomous weapons systems. To learn more about our work on this topic you can visit:

https://futureoflife.org/lethal-autonomous-weapons-systems/

This internship would be a good fit for you if you are:

- Idealistic, self-motivated, highly organized, detail-oriented, industrious, and generally capable
- Interested in joining a small but very influential team looking to improve humanity's future
- Comfortable working independently in their own time and space

- Interested in the topics of technology and existential risk
- Interested in social media and communication
- Have excellent communication and content writing skills

Preferred Qualifications

- Audio editing experience
- Video editing experience
- Strong speaking skills
- Interest in podcasting
- Alignment on the issue of autonomous weapons