

**Global Health Fellows Program II
Reproductive Health Research Intern**

Research, Technology, and Utilization Division, Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Bureau for Global Health, United States Agency for International Development

Anticipated timeframe: August 2015 - February 2016: Compensated 6 month internship

Location: Washington, DC/Arlington, VA

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The Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP-II) is a five year cooperative agreement implemented and managed by the Public Health Institute in partnership with Global Health Corps, GlobeMed, Management Systems International and PYXERA Global. GHFP-II is supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

GHFP-II's goal is to improve the effectiveness of USAID health programs by addressing the Agency's immediate and emerging human capacity needs. The program seeks to accomplish this goal first through the recruitment, placement and support of diverse health professionals at the junior, mid and senior levels. These program participants include fellows, interns, corporate volunteers and Foreign Service National professionals. The program then provides substantial performance management and career development support to participants, including annual working planning assistance, and ensures that professional development opportunities are available.

Looking to the future, GHFP-II also seeks to establish a pool of highly-qualified global health professionals that will ensure the Agency's ongoing technical leadership and effectiveness. This objective is supported by an extensive outreach program that brings global health opportunities and specialized career advice to a diverse range of interested individuals, with a particular focus on those underrepresented in the field of global health.

BACKGROUND:

The Research, Technology, and Utilization Division (RTU) under the Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) in the Bureau for Global Health works to advance and support the generation, synthesis and utilization of empirical evidence to improve access, quality, and efficiency of voluntary family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) programs. The PRH Office provides technical leadership, strategic direction, implementation oversight, support to field missions, partner coordination, and performance tracking for the FP component of the United States Government (USG)'s Global Health Initiative.

The mission of the RTU Division is to "*Advance biomedical research and implementation science to improve sexual and RH globally, with a focus on low-resource settings.*" The RTU Division is composed three teams: the Biomedical Team, the Implementation Science Research Team, and the Research Utilization Team.

INTRODUCTION:

The RH Research Intern will work with the Implementation Science Team and the Research Utilization Teams, which focus on advancing research on social norms and factors that impact RH and advancing the use of research and data. An essential part of RTU's work is assisting with syntheses and translation of knowledge and evidence in the field of RH. The Intern will assist RTU to compile, review and synthesize reports related to gender and RH and specific topics such as adolescent RH and the integration of FP with health and non-health sectors.

The Intern will work closely with the Technical Advisor for Research as his/her onsite manager.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Gaining an understanding of the utility and applicability of research syntheses and reviews for RH.
- Increasing knowledge of FP programming, and approaches to evaluating FP programming, as it relates to addressing gender and addressing the unique needs of adolescents.
- Deepening skills in collaboration and coordination within a complex organizational and implementation structure.
- Gaining an understanding of evaluations and research related to USAID FP programming contributing to generation, synthesis, and use of reviews for RH.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assisting with a comprehensive literature review in understanding the impact on FP/RH outcomes in programs and interventions that integrate activities addressing gender. More specifically:
 - Identifying publications, reports, and other documents in grey literature;
 - Reviewing and summarizing selected documents; and
 - Assisting with the synthesis of summarized documents.
 - Assisting with literature reviews related to RH for adolescents.
 - Engaging in other research-related activities including integration of FP with health and non-health sectors.
- Collaborating on a team working with senior-level staff on a few large and comprehensive literature reviews that will culminate in the creation and publication of final reports.
- Other tasks or responsibilities may be assigned based on organizational and programming need and/or the Intern's own interests.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Currently enrolled master's or other post-bachelor's degree candidate in public health, development studies, social sciences with a focus on health, or related field; or, completion of such within the past 12 months
- Strong and demonstrated interest in RH, maternal health, and/or FP; experience in a related field or organization is preferred.
- Interest in gender issues and how they pertain to health outcomes and other sectors in developing country contexts is preferred.
- Experience doing systematic reviews, as a research assistant or work with data bases and article search engines.
- Attention to detail and strong organizational skills.
- Exceptional writing skills for professional and academic writing, preferably experience in producing publications.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; demonstrated ability to interact professionally with culturally diverse staff, clients, and consultants.

- Ability to work independently and take initiative.
- Experience using EndNote and reference software.
- **US citizenship required.**

COMPENSATION:

\$1,680 bi-weekly (exempt, salaried position).

TO APPLY:

Detailed information, including an online application and instructions, is available on our website at www.ghfp.net. **All applications must be submitted by Monday, July 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm eastern time.**

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