2015 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: COLOMBIA

The FXB Center is offering new internship opportunities to Harvard students. Selected applicants will work in the field of community development in Colombia.

This internship will support FXB International’s FXBVillages program, a sustainable, community-based solution to extreme poverty and AIDS. Each FXBVillage delivers long-term improvements in health and education, and provides economic opportunities to children and families in need.

FXB Colombia began in 1995 as a pioneering organization working with families and children living in poverty and affected by HIV/AIDS. The country currently has two FXBVillages—in Barranquilla and Bogota—that each support 80–100 families over a three-year period to access health, nutrition, and education, and to become financially independent through income-generating activities.

DURATION
- Summer: June 1, 2015 to July 31, 2015
- Internship opportunities will be also available during the Winter (January 2016)

FXBVILLAGE AREAS OF INTERVENTION
- After school and vocational programs to support children and adolescents
- Income-generating activities for beneficiaries
- Women’s empowerment groups
- Health access and family counselling programs (Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Early Childhood Development)
- Child protection assistance
- Violence prevention programs
- Sanitation and hygiene programs

INTERNERSHIP TASKS
- Data collection, monitoring, and evaluation for longitudinal analyses of pre- and post-intervention data to assess interventions related to health, education, income-generation, and other activities aimed at reducing or eliminating poverty
- Coordination and facilitation of FXBVillage activities
- Training and mentoring
- Community organizing and advocacy

QUALIFICATIONS
- Master and Doctoral candidates preferred
- Fluent in Spanish
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, program monitoring and evaluation, including methods and ethical considerations for establishing control or comparison groups
- Research interest and experience in multidimensional poverty reduction analysis
- Familiarity with Kobo Toolbox data collection software preferred (http://www.kobotoolbox.org/)
- Experience working and interacting with vulnerable communities

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES
- Gain an international understanding and appreciation of the work in community development
- Exposure to the roles and responsibilities of professionals in community development
- Observe and participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of FXBVillage activities
- Exposure to leadership opportunities
- Participation in advocacy campaigns at local and international levels
- Establish professional contacts and references useful when seeking post-university employment
DEADLINE: March 31, 2015

Please send your resume and cover letter with two references to:

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BACKGROUND

The Francois Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University works to advance the rights and wellbeing of children, adolescents, youth, and their families living in the most extreme circumstances around the world. For the purposes of this internship the FXB Center is partnering with FXB International Association, a non-governmental organization that was created in 1989 to develop sustainable, community-based solutions to eradicate extreme poverty and AIDS, with a special focus on children and women. The goal of this partnership is to provide opportunities for Harvard students who want to expand their knowledge and field experience in community development, health, and human rights for impoverished populations.

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