2015 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: FRANCE

The FXB Center is offering new internship opportunities to Harvard students. Selected applicants will work in the field of inclusion, specifically with respect to the ability of Roma people living in France to access their rights.

The aim of the internship is to explore the obstacles and risks Roma citizens of the European Union residing in informal settlements in France are exposed to in relation to accessing basic services. We will focus primarily on children, adolescents and young adults. We are interested in looking at the opportunities for education, health, housing, and employment available for Roma youth in France, and in giving voice to the solutions proposed by Roma themselves for attaining social inclusion.

DURATION
- Summer: June 1 to July 31, 2015

COSTS
- International travel is provided by FXB Center.
- Local travel is provided by the host organization.
- Students are responsible for fundraising for any other expenses.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION
- Vocational programs for Roma youth
- School integration for children and adolescents
- Health access; sanitation and hygiene programs
- Child protection support: trafficking prevention
- Access to housing: challenges and institutional solutions
- Barriers and access to jobs
- Gender specific issues
- Empowerment groups and advocacy

TASKS
- Data collection to assess needs related to health, education, employment, housing and other activities
- Supporting host nonprofit organizations to implement activities that will engage Roma families and youth
- Participation in an orientation seminar about Roma and French institutional frameworks and policies at the university of SciencesPo in Paris
- Writing a 10-page report summarizing the findings

HOSTING SITES
- Médecins Du Monde
- Hors La Rue
- Les Enfants Du Canal

QUALIFICATIONS
- Fluent in French
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, research and evaluation methodologies
- Research interest in human rights and multidimensional poverty reduction analysis
- Experience working and interacting with marginalized communities

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES
- Gain an international understanding and appreciation of Roma inclusion and access to rights
Exposure to the roles and responsibilities of professionals in community empowerment

Familiarity with local and national governance in urban settings in France

Exposure to leadership and management experience in NGOs

Establish professional, international contacts and references useful when seeking post-university employment

DEADLINE: April 10, 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.