2015 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: RWANDA

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

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 Rwanda began in 1995, a few months after the 1994 Rwanda Genocide. The impact of genocide and HIV/AIDS has resulted in Rwanda’s having one of the highest proportions of orphans in the world. More than 80 percent of Rwandan children are considered vulnerable. Over the last 19 years, FXB has contributed to the sustainable socioeconomic development of destitute families affected by illiteracy, poverty and HIV/AIDS.

FXB currently has 20 FXBVillages 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
- Sanitation and hygiene programs

INTERNSHIP 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
- Knowledge of community development
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, program monitoring and evaluation
- Experience working and interacting with vulnerable communities
- Speaking French is a plus
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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