2018 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIP: 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.

The FXB Field Education Internship program consists of qualitative and participatory action research. FXB provides mentoring support to familiarize students with such research processes and to allow them to contribute to the field. The FXB FEI program aims to improve practice and advance knowledge at the local and global level. At the end of their research internship students will share their findings and recommendations with practitioners through community meetings/seminars and a written report, as well as potential publications. Students with the different disciplines such as Health, Public Policy, Design and Education have been successful in similar research programs.

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. FXBVillage supports 80–100 families over a three-year period to access health, nutrition, and education, and to become financially independent through income-generating activities.

HOSTING SITE
FXB Center’s Field Education Internship program in partnership with FXB Rwanda

DURATION
- Summer: June 1 to July 31, 2018

FUNDING
- Partial funding is available

FXBVILLAGE AREAS OF INTERVENTION
- Sanitation and hygiene programs 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

INTERNSHIP TASKS
- Monitoring, and evaluation to assess interventions related to health, education, economic development, housing and other activities aimed at reducing or eliminating poverty
- Design interview guides
- Conduct interviews and facilitate focus groups
- Conduct ethnographic observations
- Analysis of data
- Develop tools that can be used by the host organization
- Presentation of findings with the host organization
QUALIFICATIONS
- Master and Doctoral candidates only
- Knowledge of international development
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, program monitoring and evaluation and research study design
- 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 and human rights
- Exposure to the roles and responsibilities of professionals in community development
- Generate data that can be used to develop Doctoral or Master’s thesis
- Develop interpersonal skills necessary to be an effective team member within a research group/professional group
- 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
- Gain understanding of management and policy frameworks
- Establish professional contacts and references useful when seeking post-university employment

APPLICATION
Please send your resume and cover letter with contact information of two references to: Myriam Zuber, Senior Program Manager, FXB Center at: mzuber@hsph.harvard.edu

(You are welcome to apply simultaneously to all the current FXB internship opportunities-Language proficiency required for China, Colombia, France and Panama).

DEADLINE: March 30, 2018

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 (http://fxb.harvard.edu/).
- FXB International Association is 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. (www.fxb.org).