2018 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIP: GERMANY

BACKGROUND

The FXB Field Education Program is offering a new internship opportunity in Berlin, Germany for two Harvard graduate students to conduct research in Germany for two months during the summer of 2018. Selected applicants will work in the field of migration in Europe, particularly on examining asylum, reception, and protection systems and explore inclusion strategies and draw initial lessons from Germany experiences. This research opportunity is in response to needs and priorities expressed by the host agency and other stakeholders.

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. All participants will take part in a mandatory training program during the spring semester before commencing their work abroad, consisting of 3 two-hour workshops in mid-March to mid-May.

Students with the different disciplines such as Health, Public Policy, Design and Education have been successful in similar research programs. This is a pilot program; we hope that in the following years, other student researchers will build on the research performed this summer.

In 2015 more than one million people crossed into Europe to flee persecution, poverty and war. It was the biggest influx of migrant and refugee populations since World War II and the flow of migrants continues. Germany received the highest number of new asylum applications in 2015, with more than 476,000. According to Eurostat, Germany’s share of asylum applications rose from 35 percent of the total number of applications submitted to the thee 28 member states of the European Union in 2015 to 60 percent of the total in 2016. Syrians accounted for the largest number of applicants in 13 of the 28 EU Member States, including 266 thousand applicants in Germany (the highest number of applicants from a single country to an EU Member State in 2016).

POTENTIAL AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Child protection
- Mental health support
- Health care
- Shelter and essential non-food items
- Food security and livelihoods
- Sanitation and hygiene
- Housing
- Employment
- Education
- Language access
- Civic participation
- Gender specific issues
- Empowerment groups and advocacy

TASKS

- Data collection using the following:
  - Design interview guides
  - Conduct semi-structured interviews
  - Conduct ethnographic observations
  - Analysis of data collected
- Develop practical tools that can be used by the host organization in their work with refugees and migrants
- Presentation of findings with the host organization and members of communities
• Production of a report on refugee and migrant rights and inclusion

DURATION
• Summer: May 21 to July 18, 2018

HOSTING SITE
FXB Center’s Field Education Internship program in partnership with Save the Children in Berlin. Save the Children worldwide helps children in 120 countries, providing support for health, education, protection, disaster relief.

FUNDING
• Partial funding is available

QUALIFICATIONS
• Master and Doctoral candidates only
• Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, research and evaluation methodologies
• Research interest in migrant and refugee rights, child protection, health policy and advocacy
• Interest in public policy, law, education, design and health.
• German-speaking capability preferred, but not required

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES
• Gain understanding of refugee and migrant rights in Europe and Germany
• Exposure to qualitative and action research
• Gain knowledge about the roles and responsibilities of professionals in public health, education community development and public policy
• Gain knowledge about leadership and management experience in NGOs and public services
• Establish professional, local and international 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