2018 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIP: SWEDEN

BACKGROUND
The FXB Field Education Program is offering a new internship opportunity in Sweden, for two Harvard graduate students to conduct research in Sweden 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 Sweden experiences. This research opportunity is in response to needs 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 three 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 is the biggest influx of migrant and refugee populations since World War II and the flow of migrants continues. According to the Pew Research Center and Eurostat Sweden received the third highest number of asylum applicants in 2015. Its share of Europe’s asylum seekers has grown to about 10% or more of all asylum seekers in recent years, posting a record 156,000 applicants in 2015. Sweden alone accepted more asylum seekers than France and the UK combined. Sweden was also the most popular destination country for unaccompanied asylum seekers under age 18, receiving 35,000 applicants from this group in 2015.

POTENTIAL AREAS OF INTERVENTION
- Child protection
- Mental health support
- Health care
- Shelter and essential non-food items
- Food security and livelihoods
- Health and nutrition
- 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
FUNDING
- Partial funding is available

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

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

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES
- Gain understanding of refugee and migrant rights in Europe and Sweden
- 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 Colombia, France and Panama).

DEADLINE: March 30, 2018