2016 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: CHINA

DEADLINE: February 16, 2016

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

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 started working in China in June 2006 and currently works in Southern Sichuan province, in remote and mountainous Bu Tuo county of Liangshan/Yi Autonomous Prefecture. At present, this province is one of the least well-off provinces in China. Significant disparities exist between rural and urban populations: almost half the population lives on less than $2 a day. In Sichuan, which has a total population of more than 87 million, HIV prevalence in the population is expected to increase by 30 percent each year, and the disease has spread beyond at-risk populations, from those injecting drugs and sex workers, to the general population.

DURATION

- Summer: June 1, 2016 to July 29, 2016

FXB CHINA AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Health access and family counselling programs (Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Early Childhood Development)
- Sanitation and hygiene programs
- After-school and vocational programs to support children and adolescents
- Income-generating activities for beneficiaries
- Women’s empowerment groups

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
• Fluency in Mandarin Chinese and/or Yi dialect

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

Please send your resume and cover letter with two references to Myriam Zuber, FXB International field education program manager, at mzuber@hsph.harvard.edu.

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.