2016 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: INDIA

DEADLINE: February 16, 2016

With approximately 2.5 million people currently living with HIV in India, the epidemic has reached catastrophic proportions. Over 90 percent of HIV-positive people in India do not know that they are carrying the virus. There is an urgent need to spread HIV awareness and treatment throughout the country, especially within rural areas. FXB India Suraksha programs are based on the premise that a reduction in adult HIV infection rate will generate a reduction in AIDS-related orphaning. Information, education and prevention form the basis of all HIV-related activities. These include a comprehensive package of services: awareness-raising sessions, preventive education, voluntary counseling and testing services, condom distribution, access to treatment and nutritional support. This internship will support FXB India Suraksha programs. FXB India Suraksha started its operations in India in 1991. The word “Suraksha” (meaning ‘security and protection’) emphasizes on the commitment to provide a security net to all children and for those specially affected and infected by disease and poverty.

DURATION
- Summer: June 1 to July 29, 2016

FXB INDIA SURAKSHA AREAS OF INTERVENTION
- Health access and family counselling programs (nutrition, HIV/AIDS, early childhood development)
- Slum intervention programs
- Child rights and protection assistance (child trafficking prevention, Child Help Line)
- 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 FXB India Suraksha activities
- Training and mentoring
- Community organizing and advocacy
QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of community development
- Interest in incorporating internship experience as part of a research project under the supervision of a Harvard faculty adviser
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, program monitoring and evaluation and research study design
- Experience working and interacting with vulnerable communities

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 FXB Suraksha 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.