2016 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: RWANDA

DEADLINE: February 16, 2016

The FXB Center is offering new internship opportunities to Harvard students. Selected applicants will work in the field of community development in 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. 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 to 100 families over a three-year period to access health, nutrition, and education, and to become financially independent through income-generating activities.

DURATION
- Summer: June 1 to July 29, 2016

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
- Independent research study (health, human rights, economic development, and education)
- 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
- 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
Speaking French is a plus

**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
- 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 [François Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University](https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/fxb/) 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](https://www.fxbinternational.org/), 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.