2017 FXB FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS: INDIA

With approximately 2.5 million people currently living with HIV in India, the epidemic has reached catastrophic proportions. Over 90% 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. The FXB Center is offering internship opportunities to Harvard students. Selected applicants will work in the field of community development in India. 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 31, 2017

FUNDING
- Partial funding is available

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
- Monitoring, and evaluation to assess interventions related to health, education, economic development, housing and other activities aimed at reducing or eliminating poverty
- Design interview guides
- Conduct interviews and facilitate focus groups
- Conduct ethnographic observations
- Analysis of data
- Develop tools that can be used by the host organization
- Presentation of findings with the host organization
- Production of a report
QUALIFICATIONS

- Master and Doctoral candidates only
- Knowledge of community development and human rights
- Knowledge of, and preferably practical experience with, program monitoring and evaluation and research study design
- Experience working and interacting with marginalized and 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
- Generate data that can be used to develop Doctoral or Master’s thesis
- Develop interpersonal skills necessary to be an effective team member within a research group/professional group
- Observe and participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of FXB Suraksha activities
- Exposure to leadership opportunities
- Gain understanding of management and policy frameworks
- Establish professional contacts and references useful when seeking post-university employment

DEADLINE

February 15, 2017

APPLICATION

Please send your resume and cover letter with two references to: Myriam Zuber, Field Practice 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 and France).

BACKGROUND

For the purposes of this internship Harvard Office of Education /FXB Center at the School of Public Health is partnering with the NGO FXB International.

- 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 (http://fxb.harvard.edu/).
- FXB International Association is 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. (www.fxb.org).