

RESEARCH INTERN

Position Description

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) is dedicated to improving the sexual and reproductive health of women, men and youth through a research-to-practice agenda. Our emphasis is on increasing access to and use of family planning, increasing fertility awareness through life-stage appropriate interventions, expanding access to fertility awareness-based family planning methods in an informed choice context, and developing scalable interventions to transform gender norms and catalyze the diffusion of social norms that support family planning. Cross-cutting themes in the Institute's work include the diffusion of social norms that support sexual and reproductive health, scale up of innovations, and incorporating gender perspectives in reproductive health. In partnership with a wide range of international and local organizations, IRH conducts research, builds capacity, and provides technical assistance to public and private-sector organizations in lower and middle-income countries and the U.S. The Institute is supported by grants from federal agencies and foundations.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Fertility Awareness for Community Transformation (FACT) Project aims to foster an environment where women and men can take actions to protect their reproductive health throughout the life-course. As a research, intervention, and technical assistance project, FACT is testing solutions for increasing fertility awareness and expanding access to Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM) at the community level, with the goal of reducing unintended pregnancies and improving reproductive health outcomes. The FACT Project is a five-year project funded by USAID and implemented by IRH in partnership with Save the Children in several countries in East Africa and South Asia. Currently, IRH is conducting formative research in Nepal and preparing for a pilot evaluation in Uganda.

IRH seeks a research intern with experience in qualitative data management and analysis. Candidates should have strong skills in research, writing, and experience and interest in reproductive health in African contexts. Primary responsibilities will include supporting research initiatives for the FACT Project in Uganda and Nepal.

POSITION SUMMARY

The intern will join the FACT project at an exciting time as we collect and analyze data and prepare for solution development workshops.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- **Qualitative Data Analysis:** The FACT Project in Nepal includes a series of focus group discussions, participatory group discussions, and in-depth interviews that will provide information on diffusion of health information, fertility awareness, and barriers and facilitators of family planning use. The intern will learn to use the qualitative analysis software program ATLAS.Ti or Nvivo to assist with data management and analysis. This will include: coding transcripts; identifying areas for further investigation and analysis; and supporting synthesis and writing of preliminary data analysis findings.
- **Knowledge Management, Communications, and Project Support:** The intern will support knowledge and resource management for the FACT teams in Uganda and Nepal. According to project needs, the intern may be asked to assist with other administrative tasks. This may include organizing electronic files; sharing resources with project teams; developing content for briefs, blog posts, and social media; formatting reports, presentations, and other documents; scheduling and taking notes at meetings; and supporting HQ and international staff as needed.
- **Report, Journal Article and Abstract Writing:** Time permitting, the intern may assist in writing and editing project reports and conference abstracts, as well as in the preparations of presentations, to share and disseminate research results. The intern may conduct literature reviews about topics that relate to the project.

QUALIFICATIONS

The research intern will possess the following skills and experience:

- Knowledge of sexual and reproductive health issues
- Previous experience working with qualitative research data
- Interest in global health and/or international development
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Good computer and Microsoft Office skills; Experience using Atlas.Ti or Nvivo preferred
- Willingness to work on-site at IRH's headquarters in DuPont Circle, 20-30 hours per week from September through November.

Your education, expertise and professional network includes...

- Candidate should be a current student or recent graduate of a master's degree program in one of the following or related fields: public health, anthropology, health communications, behavioral science, health promotion or other related field.
- Previous internship or non-profit experience preferred.
- Experience living, studying, or working in a developing country preferred.

Intern will receive a modest stipend to cover lunch and transportation costs.

To apply, please email resume and cover letter to irhresumes@gmail.com with the subject line "FACT Project Research Intern" no later than August 15, 2015. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to early applicants. Please specify where you found the job advertisement. No phone calls please.

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