

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 (FP), 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 FP. 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 Passages project aims to address a broad range of social norms, at scale, to achieve sustained improvements in family planning and reproductive health. This research project is building the evidence base and contributing to the capacity of the global community to strengthen normative environments that support reproductive health, especially among very young adolescents, newly married youth, and first-time parents. Passages capitalizes on these formative life course transitions to test and scale up interventions that promote collective change and foster an enabling environment for family planning and healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies.

With support from USAID's Office of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GenDev), Passages is working to deepen understanding of existing approaches to normative change across development sectors, and to strengthen cross-sectoral gender norms programming. This initiative will seek to improve the understanding of work on gender norms across sectors within USAID – and strengthen the way USAID approaches programming in this area – to achieve its women's economic empowerment (WEE) and gender based violence (GBV) goals. In particular, this activity will strengthen knowledge of gender norm approaches/best practices across sectors at USAID and support the incorporation of state-of-the-art gender norms approaches into their funding priorities and work, drawing on lessons learned from the health sector. A key focus area will be male gender norms/masculinity. As such, this work will explore how to engage men in gender transformative ways across development sectors, emphasizing engaging men within WEE and GBV prevention and response.

POSITION SUMMARY

IRH seeks a research intern with experience in social norms, gender norms, masculinities, male engagement, cross-sectoral initiatives and/or life cycle approaches. Candidates should have strong research and writing skills and an interest in public health in an international context. Experience or familiarity with literature review and key informant interviews is desirable. Primary responsibilities will include supporting landscape analysis of cross sectoral normative change initiatives, case studies, and literature reviews on male engagement and lifecycle approaches in addition to other products.

The research intern will join the team at an exciting time as the project launches new work to understand cross-sectoral initiatives on normative change and developing a life cycle approach for male engagement. The research intern will report to the team's Senior Research Officer. The position will be compensated part-time, working between 8-15 hours per week.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Under supervision and guidance of the IRH Senior Research Officer, the Research Intern will be conducting the following tasks as part of the Social Norms Cross-Sectoral and Lifecycle Approaches to Normative Change initiative:

- Landscaping of cross sectoral social norms initiatives: The research intern will identify and review literature on cross sectoral norms change, conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders, manage a digital survey and analyze data.
- Contributing to landscaping report, briefs, and infographics
- Contributing to case studies on cross sectoral social norms initiatives: The research intern will interview stakeholders, review reports and evaluation studies and draft case studies.
- Conducting a literature review of male development and life stages: The research intern will be involved in literature review to develop a life cycle approach for male engagement
- Supporting other related activities as needed

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidate should be a current master's degree student or recent graduate of a master's degree program in public health, international development, sociology, anthropology, or other related fields.
- Experience with report writing, production, and conducting literature reviews
- Experience creating graphics and visuals

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Coursework on gender, masculinity, male engagement, or life cycle approaches
- Previous internship or research experience preferred
- Strong organizational and writing skills
- Attention to detail
- Flexibility and sense of humor

COMMITMENT

- Willingness to work on-site at IRH's headquarters in DuPont Circle, working between 8-15 hours per week from November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2017.

Research Intern will receive an hourly rate of salary.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter and short writing sample (2-3 pages) to Lea.Satta@georgetown.edu with the subject line "Cross Sectoral Normative Change Research Intern" no later than October 25, 2017.

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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