PURPOSE OF POSITION:

This practicum is designed to provide research support to the World Vision Western Africa Region Water Sanitation and Hygiene Learning Center (WAR WASH LC). In addition to facilitating a valuable research opportunity for talented young professionals it will offer real-world field experience for emerging leaders with a passion for international humanitarian work.

The purpose of the World Vision WASH Research Practicum is to attract talented researchers in need of career development. The Research Practicum will empower driven, dedicated and passionate individuals to become skilled researchers and project coordinators. This position will be under the direction of the WAR WASH LC Director, Samuel Diarra.

Specifically, the Western Africa Region WASH Learning Center is interested in a candidate(s) with strong epidemiological and biostatistics background and an interest in data synthesis and organizational assessment. This Practicum will conduct an evaluation to assess sustainability of current water access interventions in Vision Ghana Area Development Plans (ADPs). This project would include synthesis of current data collection efforts to ascertain World gaps in data collection, redundancies, and identification of data integration for informed WASH project direction.

World Vision will provide a modest stipend to cover expenses incurred for travel, room and board, medical evacuation insurance and entry visa (approx. $5,000). World Vision will also assist with in-country housing arrangements for the duration of the practicum.

PROGRAMME SCOPE:

The WVI Research Practicum is a 3-month field assignment (mid-May to mid-August) providing opportunity for professional work at World Vision Western Africa Region WASH Learning Center in Accra, Ghana. The selected candidate will conduct a formative research evaluation to assess sustainability of current water access interventions within World Vision Ghana Area Development Plans (ADPs).
These assignments are intended to:

- Validate potential for professional leadership and personal career development
- Provide opportunities to apply interests and research skills to real world WASH challenges
- Broaden understanding of the international, NGO field of work

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in the development and implementation of research project work plans
- Offer implementation assistance to ongoing WASH programs in Ghana
- Prepare research findings for publication
- Evaluate and provide feedback on the research experience, and overall project experience upon completion

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

**REQUIRED:**

- Bachelor's or Master's degree, or equivalent field experience
- Comprehensive knowledge in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- International humanitarian or development work experience
- Must have the ability to work independently as well as an effective team member
- Must have the ability to communicate effectively with individuals and represent World Vision, in verbal and written forms
- Competence in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Familiarity with IRB process

**PREFERRED:**

- French language skills

HOW TO APPLY:

Email your resume and a cover letter outlining relevant experience to:
Sean Kerrigan
Director | Water Sanitation and Hygiene | International Programs Group
World Vision

skerriga@worldvision.org

Candidates will have the opportunity to mean Sean and the World Vision team on March 9, when they will visit UNC. Selected candidates will be invited for individual interviews.

For further information, contact Bobbi Wallace at bobbi Wallace@unc.edu. For more about World Vision, go to www.worldvision.org