

IntraHealth Summer Fellows Program Summer 2015 Program Description

[IntraHealth International](#) is offering a summer fellowship program for current public health masters' and doctoral students enrolled at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. The program is administered by IntraHealth working closely with the Gillings Global Gateway™ in the Gillings School.

IntraHealth is a North Carolina-based non-profit organization that has worked to empower health workers to better serve communities in need for over 35 years in more than 90 countries. IntraHealth fosters local solutions to health care challenges by improving health worker performance, strengthening health systems, harnessing technology, and leveraging partnerships.

The Summer Fellows Program provides masters and doctoral students a unique opportunity to contribute to global health as they work directly in IntraHealth's programs. Students gain practical experience in technical areas, monitoring and evaluation, research, and program management and apply the skills they are building in their degree programs.

What do the Fellows say about the Program?

In the words of two former Fellows:

- *This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands on experience in global health with an organization that is committed to its vision. Not only was I able to acquire new skills, but I was able to enhance my existing skills.*
- *I had an excellent field experience. The project team in India was incredibly well organized and energetic. It is a fantastic program which made it easy for me to evaluate. So many people wanted to talk about the program's impact on their lives, careers, and health outcomes.*

What have previous Fellows done?

Scopes of work vary from year to year based on project needs. Specific scopes of work are negotiated individually with attention to matching the Fellow's unique profile with organizational project requirements and possibilities. Examples of work completed by Fellows over the last several years are:

- Data analysis of an existing data set on HIV prevention services in Tanzania.
- Documenting how a project in India achieved its results, and capturing data on improved health services for women, children, and men through interviews, video and photography. The Fellow spent several weeks in India working with staff.

- Drafting project reports, blogs, and manuals, including collaborating on a chapter in a book to be published by the World Bank/World Health Organization on under recognized cadres of health workers, a critical aspect of addressing Human Resources for Health.
- Contributing to e-learning courses, including review and drafting. The Fellow then traveled to Kenya to field test materials.
- Piloting a photo-voice project with an HIV Continuum of Care Network in Central America, including developing a Spanish language field operations manual and responding to questions about the return on investment in expanding the pilot.
- Aligning IntraHealth's global monitoring and evaluation indicators with the established PEPFAR indicators for measuring effectiveness.

Objectives

Fellows will:

- Complete a scope of work that contributes toward their degrees and develops their knowledge and expertise regarding IntraHealth's technical expertise, program management and business processes.
- Demonstrate their knowledge and skills to IntraHealth staff through presentations and discussions and externally through blogs and other social media.
- Contribute to IntraHealth's global knowledge base, which fuels the effectiveness of our work.

Program Description

The Summer Fellows Program, led by Rebecca Kohler, is a 10-week program based at the Chapel Hill office of IntraHealth. A short international assignment is sometimes included, dependent on the nature of the assignment and availability of project funding for travel.

Ideally, the cohort of Fellows includes students from various specialties and both masters' and doctoral students. Fellows are encouraged to form a supportive group and to use each other to reflect on ideas, experiences, and learning.

The Fellows assignment is integrated within IntraHealth's work and allows substantive opportunities to collaborate with and learn from many staff. In addition, each individual Fellow works closely with one or more assigned mentors who help them achieve their objectives. Working with a mentor and within projects allows maximum opportunities to learn about the organization. The program concludes with a final reception at which Fellows exhibit their work. Staff, faculty, and guests from local organizations are invited to meet the Fellows and view their work.

Eligibility and Benefits

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral degree program with the Gillings School of Global Public Health and be continuing as a full-time graduate student in the fall semester. In addition, they must be available to work 40 hours each week (not including holidays) for 10 weeks, from May 19, 2015 through July 25, 2015. Those chosen to participate in the Summer Fellows Program will receive a summer stipend of \$3,000.

Application Process

Applications are available on the Gillings Global Gateway™ [website](#). Required materials include an online form, a resume/CV as well as three references. Applications must be submitted with all required materials by January 21, 2015 for consideration. Applications will be reviewed by a UNC committee and forwarded to IntraHealth. Invitations to an interview at IntraHealth will be extended and scheduled in early March. During this interview several scopes of work will be available; however the student's final scope of work may be modified based on project realities. IntraHealth will notify awardees who are invited to the Fellows Program by mid-March 2015. Invited students will have one week to decide whether to accept the offer. Shortly after the offers are accepted, IntraHealth will work with the Fellows to ensure an optimum match between Fellow and project.