Advertisement for student for summer practicum

The Measurement, Learning & Evaluation (MLE) Project and Full Access, Full Choice (FAFC) Project seek a summer practicum student to work closely with project staff to complete tasks across the two Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)-funded projects.

MLE was the evaluation component of the Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (URHI), a multi-country program in India, Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal that aimed to improve the health of urban poor between 2010 and 2015. The MLE project received additional funding to conduct the Nigerian Urban Reproductive Health Initiative Sustainability Study to evaluate the longer term legacy of NURHI programming. Household and facility-level surveys were completed in late 2017 with qualitative data collection scheduled for early 2018.

The Full Access, Full Choice (FAFC) Project is the multi-year measurement, learning and evaluation component of upcoming BMGF-funded investments that aim to ensure young people have full access to a full choice of contraceptive methods. The goal of the FAFC project is to generate evidence to influence and inform country governments and donors on needed policies and programmatic actions to lead to expanded method choice for adolescents and youth. The FAFC project will meet this goal through analysis of existing data as well as through design and implementation of standardized monitoring and evaluation approaches for upcoming BMGF investments.

We are seeking a current Masters-level or doctoral-level student to complete their summer practicum with the MLE and FAFC projects, based at the Carolina Population Center (www.cpc.unc.edu) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The student will work closely with project staff to carry out a number of the following activities:

- Conduct targeted literature reviews
- Analyze secondary data from population-based surveys, facility surveys and monitoring data
- Develop creative new ways in which to present quantitative data to stakeholders
- Code and analyze MLE Sustainability Study qualitative data including focus group discussions and key informant interviews
- Synthesize findings from quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Develop project outputs including research briefs, factsheets, posters, peer-reviewed publications, etc.
- Tailor findings to key audiences, such as donors and program or policy stakeholders
- Respond to project requests as needed

**Education Requirements:** Completion of first year of Master's or doctoral degree requirements in public health, economics, sociology, or a related field.

**Qualification & Experience Requirements:**

Knowledge of concepts, practices and procedures of monitoring and evaluation and family planning.

Experience working with research data and conducting data analysis in Stata, SAS or R is required as is familiarity with Microsoft Excel.

Experience working with qualitative research data and knowledge of Atlas TI preferred

Ability to show initiative, good judgment and resourcefulness.

Ability to work well with others in a multicultural environment.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Fluency in English required; ability to read, write and speak French preferred.

**Compensation:** This position is full time from approximately June – August 2018. Students will be paid hourly, depending on level of education (ranges from $16-$20/hour).

**Interested?** Submit a resume and cover letter to Lisa Calhoun: lisa_calhoun@unc.edu by February 20, 2018.