

IntraHealth-UNC Summer Fellows Program

Program Summary

May - July 2019



[IntraHealth International](#) offers a summer fellowship program for current public health masters' and doctoral students enrolled at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. The program is in its 10th year of operation and has engaged more than 40 fellows over that timeframe. The program is administered by IntraHealth working closely with Research, Innovation and Global Solutions in the Gillings School.

IntraHealth empowers health workers to realize positive health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities around the world. We ensure health workers are present where they are needed most; ready with skills and systems to deliver high-quality care; connected to information networks that support high performance; and safe to deliver services in environments that promote dignity and equality. A nonprofit organization headquartered in Chapel Hill, NC, IntraHealth partners with governments, the private sector, and civil society to foster sustainable local solutions to health workforce and health care challenges. Over the past 40 years, the organization has assisted 100 countries to strengthen their health workforces and the systems that support them—at all levels and across the continuum of care. In 2017 IntraHealth has entered into a strategic affiliation with the Bethesda, MD-based non-profit development firm DAI. By joining forces, the two organizations are amplifying their development impact and are better able to adapt, lead, and thrive in the evolving global health and development funding ecosystem.

The Summer Fellows Program provides Master's 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?

Past fellows have rated the program as highly effective, allowing them to gain real-world experience in global health and in the workings of international nonprofits. 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 a mentor 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:

- Conducting analysis of an existing data set among commercial sex workers in South Sudan.
- Compiling a compendium of IntraHealth digital health initiatives to facilitate enhanced organizational learning and cross-country sharing and adaptation.
- Drafting project reports, blogs, and manuals, including collaborating on a chapter in a book 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, and traveling 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 operation manual and responding to questions about the return on investment in expanding the pilot.

Program 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 publications.
- Contribute to IntraHealth’s global knowledge base, which contributes to the effectiveness and impact of our work.

Program Description

The Summer Fellows Program is a 10-week program based at the Chapel Hill office of IntraHealth.

To facilitate interdisciplinary learning and exchange, the ideal cohort of Fellows includes students representing different Departments and both Masters’ and Doctoral students. Fellows are encouraged to work together throughout the fellowship 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 program objectives. Working with a mentor and within projects allows maximum opportunities to learn about the organization, international nonprofits, and global health. Weekly leadership development sessions with IntraHealth leaders are held to facilitate active discussions around current trends impacting international global health organizations. The program concludes with a final reception during which Fellows exhibit their work. Staff, faculty, and guests from local organizations are invited to meet the Fellows and view their work. The program chair is Rebecca Kohler, Chief Strategy Officer. Senior Executive Assistant Rachel Work provides coordination support for the program.

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 at UNC Gillings. The fellowship entails a 40-hour work week (not including holidays) for 10 weeks, from May 2019, through July 2019. Fellows receive a stipend of \$3,500.

Application Process

Applications are available on Research, Innovation and Global Solution’s website <https://sph.unc.edu/global-health/ggg-internships-and-funding/>. Required materials include an online application form, a resume/CV, current unofficial transcript, and two references. **Applications must be submitted with all required materials by Friday, January 18, 2019 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 2019. 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.