Zambia Hub
To give more focus to the School's global work, we are establishing a small number of geographic hubs to increase students' skills. A consistent presence at particular sites, working with a select group of partners, will allow us to provide quality experiences and deliver on strategic themes to improve public health. For summer 2019, we are pleased to partner with UNC Global Projects Zambia to offer five placement opportunities for UNC Gillings residential MPH students. We expect to award up to $5,000 per student.

Position title: Research internship

Number of positions: 1-2

Short project description: Prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer mortality of men in sub-Saharan Africa. Because with limited resources, seemingly more aggressive biological disease, and late presentation to healthcare systems, the outcomes for prostate cancer treatment are poorer than in other regions worldwide. Zambia opened its first specialized oncology center in 2006 and has treated over 1600 men with prostate cancer using multimodalities such as radiotherapy, chemotherapy, hormonal and targeted therapy. We are conducting a retrospective study to elicit specific disease characteristics and outcomes of treatment at this center.

Roles and responsibilities of intern:

- Retrieve and prepare source data from patient paper records for computer entry and aligning it with required variables for the retrospective study
- In consultation with supervising oncologist, process the data by reviewing deficiencies, resolving discrepancies and returning incomplete records for correction to the Head Records Clerk at the cancer center
- Ensure entered data are correct at all times
- Process collected data into analyzable form
- Ensure patient confidentiality is maintained in the course of data collection

Expected outputs:
A database that will be used to prepare materials for dissemination in the scientific community and generate documents that will inform policy for decision-makers.

Skills or experience required:
- Current UNC Gillings residential MPH student
- Data collection
- Planning and scheduling work to meet target
• Critical thinking to discern appropriateness of variables set in the database compared to data in the patients files and propose those that will add value
• Communication skills; adaptability to work in a resource limited environment

In-country supervisors: Professor Groesbeck Parham and Dr Dorothy Lombe

Location: Cancer Diseases Hospital, Lusaka Zambia

Minimum duration required: 10 weeks

How to apply:
If you are applying to multiple positions, please do not apply until you have ALL cover letters written and ready to upload for each position.

1. Fill-out the online application form and upload the materials below to the form:
   ○ Cover letter for each position you are applying (If applying to multiple positions, please have a cover letter for each position)
   ○ CV/Resume (If applying to multiple positions, only upload it once)

2. Faculty Evaluation: Please identify a UNC Gillings faculty member who is able to evaluate you on the specific skills listed in the position description(s) you are applying for. Please tell the faculty member which position(s) you are applying for. If applying to multiple positions, the faculty member only needs to complete one evaluation form (they will evaluate you for all your positions on one form).
   ○ Send the Faculty Evaluation Form link to the faculty member: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38cU7Q2V9zwfYVv

Questions?
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