FHI 360-UNC Public Health Research Fellowship

FHI 360, in partnership with Research, Innovation and Global Solutions at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, is offering a research fellowship for two current or prospective doctoral students and second-year master’s students. FHI 360’s mission is to improve lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions for human development. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research and technology — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today’s interrelated health and development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 70 countries and all US states and territories. As we evolve to meet the challenges of the future, we stand committed to the principles that have guided our organization for the last 40+ years. Our work continues to be grounded in research and science, strengthened by partnerships and focused on building the capacity of individuals, communities and countries to succeed. In addition to offices in the US, FHI 360 operates in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Since its founding in 1971, FHI 360 has conducted more than 500 clinical trials and 2,000 research studies in more than 95 countries. For more information, visit www.fhi360.org.

Opportunity Awaits You!
This exciting research fellowship provides you with the opportunity to work with FHI 360’s world-renowned researchers in global health. Entering its sixteenth year, the fellowship has trained 36 fellows who have worked on over 100 projects. FHI 360 researchers are particularly interested in creating and testing multi-sectoral, integrated solutions to complex health problems facing the most vulnerable populations. FHI 360 provides technical assistance and leadership in implementing programs in HIV/AIDS treatment & prevention, TB and TB-HIV care and treatment, malaria prevention, NTD treatment and prevention, nutrition, WASH, and uptake of modern family planning methods. Examples of specific areas of interest also include prevention of gender-based violence, use of mobile phones to deliver health promotion messages, and using GIS-based technology and analysis to impact policy for preventing maternal and neonatal deaths. As a fellow, you will have hands-on learning experiences that will expand your research skills as well as provide opportunities to make important contributions to specific research studies. It is estimated that you will work at FHI 360 20 hours weekly from approximately June 2020 to May 2021.

FHI 360 is located on the American Tobacco Campus in Durham, 359 Blackwell, Suite 200, Durham, NC 27701. Fellows will be expected to carry out the majority of their working hours on-site.

Benefits
This one-year fellowship will provide you with in-state tuition support for the academic year at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health (fall and spring semesters), a stipend (summer, fall, and spring), university fees (fall and spring semesters) and health insurance (fall and spring semesters). Please note the coverage of university fees does not cover special departmental/concentration fees. Your assigned project has the potential to provide you with the basis for your dissertation or master’s thesis. You will also have the resources and amenities of FHI 360’s headquarters building, situated just next door to the Durham Bulls Stadium in downtown Durham, at your fingertips!
Application Process and Eligibility
Eligible candidates are current (1st and 2nd year) or prospective doctoral students and rising second-year master’s students who will be enrolled in UNC’s Gillings School of Global Public Health throughout the research fellowship. Please note: Rotary Peace Fellows and Fulbright Scholars are ineligible for this fellowship due to their funding.

How to apply:
(1) Complete and submit the online application form and supporting documents (required documents to be submitted via the online application form):
  • Resume or CV
  • Current unofficial transcript
    o If an incoming doctoral student: official transcript from previous graduate work
    o If a master’s student: only include your master’s-level coursework (do not include any undergraduate coursework)
    o If a current doctoral student: only include your doctoral-level courses (do not include your master’s transcripts or coursework)
(2) Two letters of recommendation sent to globalsolutions@unc.edu
  • Recommendations should come from (1) a former/current employer and (2) a faculty member with whom you have an established relationship (current or past)
  • Please have your two recommenders send their Letters of Recommendation on letterhead to globalsolutions@unc.edu, as an attachment and with the subject line: “FHI 360-UNC Fellows LoR”

Applications are available through the Research, Innovation and Global Solutions website.

If you are an out-of-state student, current student, or applying for admission to the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, you will need to alert your program that you are applying for the FHI 360-UNC Fellowship. You will need to request a tuition remission from your program if you are awarded the Fellowship. If not awarded tuition remission, you will be responsible for the cost difference between in-state tuition (covered by the fellowship) and out-of-state tuition.

A committee representing both faculty from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and staff at FHI 360 will review all applications. FHI 360 will then schedule interviews with selected applicants.

The application and recommendations are due to Research, Innovation and Global Solutions by Wednesday, January 15, 2020. FHI 360 will notify awardees by March, 2020.

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