



INTRAHEALTH-UNC SUMMER FELLOWS PROGRAM

ABOUT INTRAHEALTH

At [IntraHealth International](#) we work every day to improve the performance of health workers around the world and strengthen the systems in which they work. 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 more than 100 countries in strengthening their health workforces and the systems that support them - at all levels and across the continuum of care. In 2017, IntraHealth entered a strategic affiliation with DAI, a Bethesda, MD-based non-profit development firm. 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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

IntraHealth International offers a summer fellowship program for current public health master's and doctoral students enrolled at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. The program is in its 11th 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.

The IntraHealth-UNC Summer Fellows Program provides master's and doctoral students a unique opportunity to contribute to global health as they work directly with 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.

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 various departments and both master's 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 fellow's assignment is integrated within IntraHealth's work and allows substantive opportunities to collaborate with and learn from IntraHealth staff. In addition, each individual fellow works closely with one or more assigned mentors who help

them achieve their program objectives. Working with mentors and within projects allows maximum opportunities to learn about the organization, international nonprofits, and global health. Regular 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. Emily Kiser, Program Officer, provides coordination support for the program.

WHAT DO 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 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 am proud of the tools I created. I really think that I was able to produce a tool that will be effective and easy to use. Based on the feedback I received, I believe I met the expectations and, in some cases, exceeded the expectations of the team back in Namibia.*
- *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 TYPES OF WORK 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.

More information on past fellows' work can be [found here](#).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- 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.

ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a master's 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 through July 2020. Each fellow receives a stipend of \$5,000.

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 17, 2020 for consideration.**

Applications will be reviewed by a UNC committee and forwarded to IntraHealth. Invitations to an interview at IntraHealth will be extended by early March. **During the interview process, 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 accepted to the Fellows Program by the end of March 2020. IntraHealth will work with accepted fellows to ensure an optimal match between fellow and project.

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