

Zambia Hub – Summer 2020 Student Opportunities

Due: Friday, January 31, 2020

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 2020, we are pleased to partner with UNC Global Projects Zambia, UNC School of Medicine's Office of Global Health Education and the Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases to offer up to seven placement opportunities for **UNC Gillings residential MPH students** and **UNC School of Medicine first year students**. We expect to award up to \$5,000 per student (final amount TBD).

Position title: Contraceptive use dynamics in Zambia

Number of positions: 1

Short project description:

Data cleaning and preparation for analysis of the study, *Contraceptive use dynamics beyond the ECHO trial (CUBE): Assessment of long-term user experiences and method continuation in South Africa and Zambia*. The goal of this study is to expand the evidence base on contraceptive method discontinuation by gathering information on method experience, contraceptive use dynamics, and access to long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) removal services over an extended period. Specific objectives are:

- To document contraceptive status over 6, 12, 18, and 24 months following exit from the ECHO trial and measure method-specific and overall continuation rates;
- To describe reasons for contraceptive discontinuation and method switching;
- To describe implant and IUD removal outcomes, including success or failure at obtaining removal and number of attempts;
- To document barriers to implant and IUD removal access.

Roles and responsibilities of student:

- Assist Zambia site investigators with data management and cleaning in preparation for analysis
- Participate in manuscript preparation

Expected outputs:

- Cleaned data set ready for analysis
- Possible engagement beyond the 8 weeks for manuscript write-up

Skills or experience required:

- Experience in data management and analysis
- Proficiency with REDCap and Excel
- Experience working abroad and in cross-cultural situations
- Interest in global women's health
- Strong communication
- Must be organized, self-motivated, and able to work independently

In-country supervisor: Dr Margaret Phiri Kasaro**Location:** Lusaka Zambia**Minimum duration (minimum 8 weeks):** 8 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 write 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_cMfN7vun0ORYWdD

Questions?

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