



Gillings Vietnam Hub 2024 Practicum - HMU

Vietnam Hub: Gillings Global Health at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health is the organizing unit for global health activities at the School. 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 2024, we are hoping to fill up to 2 positions as part of the Vietnam Hub. We are pleased to partner with Hanoi University of Public Health and Hanoi Medical University to offer placement opportunities for UNC Gillings residential MPH students.

See how to apply at the end of the document. All application materials are due Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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| Name of Organization | The Center for Research and Training on Substance Use-HIV (CREATA-H) |
| Organization Address | Building E3, No.1, Ton That Tung street, Trung Tu ward, Hanoi, 100000 VNM |
| Organization Description (Brief) | The Center for Research and Training on Substance Use-HIV (CREATA-H) at Hanoi Medical University (HMU), established in 1994, is a leading Vietnamese institute focused on substance use and HIV research and training. Dr. Le Minh Giang has led CREATA-H as Chief Executive Coordinator since 2008, and Dr. Bui Thi Minh Hao oversees sexual health promotion. The center provides in-service training in HIV/AIDS and addiction medicine, offers technical support to various departments, and specializes in research on high-risk populations, including people who use drugs (PWUDs) and men who have sex with men (MSM). The Sexual Health Promotion (SH) Clinic, which is managed by CREATA-H, was founded in 2013 with NIDA grant support, aims to enhance sexual health and engage MSM, particularly male sex workers. It conducts street-based outreach, clinic-based counseling, and provides examinations, HIV testing, and STI screening and treatment. |
| Name and Title of Preceptor | Assoc. Prof. Le Minh Giang, MD, PhD |
| Preceptor Experience and Education (Provide your professional background and describe any experience working with students). Preceptor qualification requirements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least five years of full-time, professional public health experience; OR - A graduate degree in public health or a related field and at least two years of full-time, | Giang Minh Le MD, PhD, is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Director of the Office of Post-graduate Training at the Hanoi Medical University (HMU). Dr. Giang also holds an adjunct faculty appointment in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University where he is an alumnus. Dr. Le's research interests focus on untangling the intersections between substance abuse, poor sexual health, and social determinants of health and reducing the burden of HIV, STD and other co-morbidities. Since 2012, he has been PI and Co-PI of several NIH-funded studies on epidemiology, prevention and treatment of substance abuse, STD, HIV in Vietnam. Dr. Giang has |



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| professional public health experience. | mentored more than 20 graduate and post-graduate trainees, including two pre-doctoral trainees from the UCLA who were mentored by both Dr. Klausner and Dr. Le, and most of them have continued their research career. Dr. Giang currently serves as MPI in one D43 training program focusing on gender-based violence and as PD in another D43 training program focusing on implementation science in HIV. Both D43 training programs are housed by HMU. |
| Preceptor contact information (email, phone) | Tel: +84 91 3281842 Email: leminhgiang@hmu.edu.vn |
| Preference for contact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone |
| Ideal start date (the earliest start date for students is May 13, 2024) | May 13, 2024 |
| Ideal end date (students must complete their hours by August 16, 2024) | August 16, 2024 |
| Paid work/Compensation for work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Range of funding available (hourly or total). | \$4000 stipend from Gillings |
| Opportunity to handle quantitative data | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Description of the Proposed Practicum (Describe the work experience and/or project: context, health problem, population) | The SHP has been providing HIV testing services and PrEP free of charge since May 2019, for more than 4,000 MSM and transgender individuals who are at high risk of HIV infection. Besides providing PrEP, the SHP clinic offers STIs screening and treatment (HCV, HBV, Syphilis, GC/CT); counseling and brief interventions for chemsex, substance use disorders and mental health. Students may gain experience in the comprehensive sexual health services and research initiatives provided by the Sexual Health Promotion (SHP) Clinic among MSM population in Hanoi, Viet Nam, including: 1) Contributing to analyses of STIs, HIV, and harm reduction data; and 2) Understanding the challenges and successes of sexual health promotion in Hanoi. |
| Benefit to student (How will this placement be of interest and benefit to a student?) | Student will learn about healthcare practices in a LMIC context, understanding the challenges and successes in addressing sexual health in a specific cultural setting. |
| Roles and Responsibilities of the student | Attend meetings and discussions related to proposed practicum; Respect clients and their various subculture and perspectives; Ensure all activities meet ethical requirements, including IRB approvals. |
| Skills and Experience Required | - Student from a university majoring in public health, medicine, social work, or a related field; - Good communication and interpersonal skills; - Strong track record of research and writing skills; - Knowledge of international public health, gender and/or human rights. |
| Expected Outputs (Practicum experience) | Project 1: |



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| <p>must yield at least two student-generated, practical work products (e.g., project plans, grant proposals, training manuals or lesson plans, surveys, memos, videos, podcasts, presentations, spreadsheets, websites, photos with accompanying explanatory text, or other digital artifacts of learning), produced for the practicum site's use and benefit, that demonstrate attainment of five CEPH MPH Foundational Competencies)</p> | <p>1) Identify key stakeholders and conduct qualitative interviews to understand barriers to PrEP uptake and potential outreach initiatives to address these barriers among MSM in Hanoi; 2) Analyze qualitative data and based on findings develop a 3-5 page project proposal for a community outreach initiative aimed at increasing PrEP uptake among MSM.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Project 2:</p> <p>1) Meet with clinic leaders to identify immediate goals of the selected SHP program and identify process measures (e.g., acceptability, dose delivered, reach) towards achieving these goals; 2) Determine the data needed to conduct the process evaluation 3) Work with clinic staff to identify available and relevant hospital data, and potentially supplement with qualitative interviews with stakeholders; 4) Conduct a process evaluation resulting in a brief (approx. 5-page) report including: - Program description - Process measures - Data sources - Results - Recommendations - Appendix that includes the logic model used to guide the process evaluation, and interview guides if applicable 5) Prepare a 10-15 minute presentation and present the results to the clinic leaders.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Project 3:</p> <p>1) Identify a dataset from SHP clinic; clean and set up the dataset for analyses, in collaboration with the SHP/HMU data manager. 2) Meet with clinic leaders to identify an analysis of interest for the clinic; 3) Develop a manuscript/abstract using the SHP clinic data analysis results.</p> |
| <p>NOTES (Your opportunity to add anything else.)</p> | |

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. All application materials (application form and faculty evaluation) are due Tuesday, February 20, 2024.



Fill-out the online application form (https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DAj3lgZjSEGC0e) and upload the materials below to the form:

- Cover letter for each position you are applying (If applying to multiple positions for the four Zambia Hub opportunities, please write a cover letter for each position)
- CV/Resume (If applying to multiple positions, only upload it once)

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_2oFbQ0ZxtEU6KPO

Questions? Please email Naya Villarreal at naya@unc.edu.