



RESEARCH INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) is dedicated to improving the sexual and reproductive health of women, men and youth through a research-to-practice agenda. Our emphasis is on increasing access to and use of family planning, increasing fertility awareness through life-stage appropriate interventions, expanding access to fertility awareness-based family planning methods in an informed choice context, and developing scalable interventions to transform gender norms and catalyze the diffusion of social norms that support FP. Cross-cutting themes in the Institute's work include the diffusion of social norms that support sexual and reproductive health, scale up of innovations, and incorporating gender perspectives in reproductive health. In partnership with a wide range of international and local organizations, IRH conducts research, builds capacity, and provides technical assistance to public and private-sector organizations in lower and middle-income countries and the U.S. The Institute is supported by grants from federal agencies and private foundations.

IRH seeks a research intern with experience or interest in conducting literature reviews, qualitative data management, and analysis. Candidates should have strong skills in research, writing, and interest or experience in gender, gender norms or social norms. The Research Intern will primarily be responsible for the Passages Project.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Passages project aims to address a broad range of social norms, at scale, to achieve sustained improvements in family planning and reproductive health. This implementation science research project is building the evidence base and contributing to the capacity of the global community to strengthen normative environments that support reproductive health, especially among very young adolescents. With support from USAID's Office of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GenDev), the Passages project is undertaking work to deepen understanding of existing approaches to normative change across different development sectors and strengthen collective understanding and best practices in gender norms programming. This initiative will seek to improve the understanding of work on gender norms across sectors within USAID, and strengthen approaches to programming in this area.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Research Intern will join the Passages project to support the effective implementation of a research project aimed at building evidence on cross-sectoral approaches to changing gender norms. The Research Intern will work on a small team and will support a landscaping of gender norms work across selected sectors within USAID.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Conduct a literature review of approaches to gender norm change, including conducting rigorous searches, reviewing documents, and determining their quality and relevance
- Document key findings from the literature review into a matrix to capture results and track extractions from key literature
- Contribute to the development of a digital survey based on the findings from the literature review
- Schedule meetings and document qualitative interviews
- Contribute to the analysis and report writing
- Participate in team meetings including sharing experiences and learning from the landscaping
- Additional tasks that may arise related to the cross-sectoral landscaping effort

QUALIFICATIONS

You possess the following skills and experience:

- Previous experience conducting literature reviews and desk research
- Interest in international development; experience across multiple development sectors is a plus
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent computer and Microsoft Office skills (in particular Excel)
- Knowledge of social norms, gender norms, and male engagement is a plus
- Willingness to work on-site at IRH's headquarters in DuPont Circle, 15-20 hours per week from mid-March through June, with the possibility of extension

Your education, expertise and professional network includes...

- Being a current student or recent graduate of Bachelor program, preferably in one of the following: public health, anthropology, health communications, behavioral science, health promotion or other related field.
- Previous internship or non-profit experience (preferred)

This position will receive an hourly rate of salary.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to irhresumes@gmail.com with the subject line "Passages GenDev Research Intern" no later than March 1, 2018. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to early applicants. Please specify where you found the job advertisement. No phone calls please.

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