



Opportunity for Summer Internship in Chiapas, Mexico

Grounds for Health, a nonprofit based in Waterbury, Vermont, works with coffee-growing communities to establish sustainable cervical cancer prevention programs. Grounds for Health offers unpaid internships at its project sites in Mexico, Nicaragua and Tanzania. As part of the Grounds for Health team, the intern provides support for all aspects of our current program.

Requirements/Qualifications

- Strong academic background in international health, development and/or related field
- Interest in international public health with a focus on women's health and/or community organizing and development
- Ability to work independently
- Superior organizational skills
- Prior international experience preferred
- Prior experience in education, project management and/or primary health care delivery preferred
- Latin America: Fluency in Spanish is required

Scope:

Under the direction of the Mexico focal person and Executive Director at Grounds for Health, Vermont, work closely with the GFH in-country Program Coordinator and co-op coordinators in Chiapas, Mexico to support project partners in adapting Grounds for Health's cervical cancer prevention program into short and long-term work plans appropriate for each organizations' individual goals. Local partners include four co-ops, CESMACH, Comon Yaj Nop Tic, Ramal Santa Cruz, and Triunfo Verde; and municipal health authorities in Jaltenango, Monte Cristo, La Concordia and Siltepec.

Key areas of work:

- ❖ Support partners in **coordinating and planning community education training and outreach activities** such as, accompanying community health promoters in carrying out "platicas", recruiting new promoters, training community health promoters, developing and/or piloting new community education materials and training tools, and carrying out related logistics.
- ❖ Support partners in **coordinating and planning clinical services for cervical cancer screening and treatment** such as, helping coordinate logistics for mini-campaigns in remote areas, purchasing supplies, meeting with local healthcare providers to arrange

services for women on specified days, identifying long-term supply needs and researching potential solutions, etc.

- ❖ Working with GFH Program Coordinator and co-op partners, develop/refine interview tools for the final project evaluation and **conduct interviews with community women, promoters, providers, and co-op partners and write “stories” to document project impact and related lessons.**
- ❖ Support in-country Program Coordinator to **enhance communication and information-sharing across all project partners** including maintaining and distributing an up-to-date calendar of all program activities, writing monthly status reports for co-op partners, and preparing weekly logs for GFH-VT.
- ❖ Assist GFH Vermont staff and in-country partners with **logistics and preparations for the GFH end-of project visit** (tentatively scheduled for late September 2012).
- ❖ Jointly with the in-country Program Coordinator, **ensure consistent communication with GFH Vermont.**

Length of term:

3 to 4 months of on the ground work at our partner site(s), with a preparation period before departure including at least one visit to Vermont to work with the GFH staff.

Compensation:

Stipend available for qualified applicants.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for an internship, please review the Grounds for Health website (www.groundsforhealth.org) and submit the following information to info@groundsforhealth.org.

- Cover Letter: indicating your specific area(s) of interest and expertise, what you hope to gain from the internship and your availability and schedule.
- Resume
- Writing Sample: one in Spanish, and one in English, each no more than 2-3 pages in length that demonstrates analytic skills
- Three References: please include at least one academic and one professional reference