

**Community Empowerment Lab Global Health Internship Program**  
**Application for 2013**  
*Deadline for submission: February 15, 2013 5pm EST*

## Community Empowerment Lab

Community Empowerment Lab (CEL) is a non-profit organization based in Uttar Pradesh, India, dedicated to reducing neonatal mortality in rural India. CEL designs and implements large-scale community-based research trials, with the goal of developing cost-effective, scalable public health programs that may be used throughout Uttar Pradesh and India. Although CEL's early trials focused on neonatal mortality, we are now expanding the model to include child health, infection control, agriculture, and economic development. Sample projects, both ongoing and in the pipeline, include:

- Creation and implementation of a newborn checklist for rural settings
- Behavior change programs to promote use of skin-to-skin care, early breastfeeding, birth preparation, and thermoregulation
- Studying the use of emollients to enhance epidermal barrier function and reduce sepsis and other infections in neonates
- Improving infection control in primary health centers (particularly in labor and delivery) in rural India through education and behavior change with frontline health care workers
- Design of a community-based iron-supplementation program to reduce iron-deficiency anemia in children aged 6-11.

To watch a TED talk given by the CEO of CEL, Vishwajeet Kumar, click here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftBxX4dGKSM>

## Description of Internship

CEL is headquartered in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. Projects take place in surrounding rural areas and health centers and hospitals in the region. CEL summer interns will begin their internship with an immersion in Shivgarh, a rural region approximately 1.5 hours from Lucknow, to learn about life and health challenges in rural India, CEL projects and operations, and logistics of implementing community-based trials. After the immersion period, interns will return to Lucknow where they will assist in project development, grant writing, developing study protocols, data management/collection, writing manuscripts, and literature reviews, with repeat visits to the field as necessary. As CEL is a growing organization, interns may have the

opportunity to observe and/or participate in strategic planning of the organization. Medical students, please note that this internship is non-clinical.

## Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent required
- Advanced degree in health-related field completed or in progress (MD, MPH, PhD, MS, etc)
- Prior experience in global health preferred, but not required
- Knowledge of Hindi or Indian languages is NOT required

## Supervision and Mentoring

The primary supervisor for CEL interns will be Bina Valsangkar, MD, MPH, Research Scientist at CEL, and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University. The internship experience will include an educational component consisting of selected readings, journal clubs, and relevant didactics with Dr. Valsangkar and other CEL staff.

## Timing and Duration

Interns must commit a minimum of 8 weeks to the internship (with the exception of medical residents, who must commit at least 4 weeks). You may choose the timing of your internship and will be asked to provide availability in the application form. Please note that the weather in Lucknow can be very hot in May and early June (highs around 110 F).

## Costs

Unfortunately, CEL cannot provide any financial assistance to interns. We suggest you pursue funding through your home institution. There are no program fees. Interns are expected to cover airfare, visa fees, and general costs of living.

## How to Apply

Submit the internship application and updated resume to [bina.valsangkar@shivgarh.org](mailto:bina.valsangkar@shivgarh.org) on or **before February 15, 2013, 5pm EST**. Please include your name in the title of your documents. For example: JohnDoe\_application.doc. You will be contacted for an interview via phone or Skype, and decisions will be announced in late February, 2013.

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To apply to the CEL Global Health Internship Program, electronically submit the following application and your resume to [bina.valsangkar@shivgarh.org](mailto:bina.valsangkar@shivgarh.org). No letters of recommendation are necessary, but we may contact the references you provide in your application.

## Personal and Contact Information

Name  
Date of Birth  
Email address  
Skype name (if applicable)  
Home/Mobile Phone

## Education

Please start with most recent

Institution	Year of Graduation	Degree
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## Interests

Please check all areas in which you are interested in working with CEL:

- ☐ Grant writing
- ☐ Project development/writing proposals and study protocols
- ☐ Contributing to manuscripts
- ☐ Literature reviews
- ☐ Rural fieldwork
- ☐ Data management, analysis
- ☐ Other:

## Language

Do you speak Hindi?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please describe your fluency in reading, writing, and spoken Hindi:

## Availability

Please list time periods when you will be available for the internship:

## Citizenship Status

Please check all that apply

☐ U.S.

☐ India

☐ Other:

## Reference 1

Name

Job Title

Institution/Organization

Phone number

Email

## Reference 2

Name

Job Title

Institution/Organization

Phone number

Email

## Personal Statement

Why do you want to work with CEL and what are your future professional goals? (The form will limit you to 2500 characters, or approximately 400 words).