

Call for Internship with The Enabler Foundation-India

At The Enabler Foundation (TEF), we believe in facilitating a local platform for knowledge generation, dissemination, and taking the policy debates /discourses on public health issues from international forums to the base of the pyramid. In our quest to achieve an international perspective, we are initiating an internship programme where we will partner with international and local academic institutions to promote an exchange of learning between students. This program is designed to provide opportunities for university students to work in India, on identified areas of interest for mutual benefit of all stakeholders (i.e. TEF, students, academic institutions, policy makers). It is a unique opportunity to work with a start up organization with an innovative approach to working on issues of health, technology, and community development across sectors, while ensuring that the work will impact the most vulnerable in society. TEF at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras - RTBI is currently accepting internship applications as part of the 2013-14. The program will begin from October 2013.

About TEF:

The Enabler Foundation (TEF) www.tef.net.in is a startup organisation incubated by IIT Madras' RTBI (www.rtbi.in) and established by a group of women professionals having diverse experience in social development, public health, management and technology.

TEF works with a mission to improve quality of life and productivity of underprivileged at the household level by enabling them to have access to opportunities and resources to realise their dreams. TEF aims at influencing public policy and its implementation through evidences and appropriate advocacy strategies.

TEF also believes that "technology" is an enabler to improve productivity at the household level. In partnership with IIT Madras-RTBI, TEF explores opportunities to deploy low cost technology in order to create sustainable impact of development programmes and facilitate access to services at the last mile.

TEF promotes collaboration and multi sectoral convergence of programmes to address vulnerability of families at the base of the pyramid.

Vision:

Improve quality of life and productivity of underprivileged by enabling them to have access to opportunities and resources to realise their dreams and influence public policy through evidences.

Values:

Courage, Respect and Excellence.

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Interns selected into the program can choose to work on either an existing project or develop a new project for the 8- week period in consultation with TEF based on mutual interests and requirements. On reviewing applications, TEF will match interests and experience of the interns with available projects. Internship projects involve either field-based action research; policy/sector wide studies or data analysis. Some of the ongoing projects that interns will have the chance to participate in this year in our Health portfolio include:

- Analysis of National family Health Survey II / III and present data available. The project would entail writing a policy brief for the need of NFHS IV.
- Perception of People Living With HIV/AIDS on public health service delivery.
- Access to Health Services for migrant workers in Tamil Nadu
- Malnutrition data analysis ; Tamil Nadu
- Usage of Technology in mitigating challenges of Social Exclusion (students with interest on GIS mapping of social determinants of health are encouraged to apply)

Each project would be allotted a mentor to work with the intern. The 8 week programme in TEF designed to familiarize interns with broad socio-economic-political conditions that characterize the health sector. While internships are unpaid, TEF will cover project related expenses as per its internship policy.

How to Apply

1. Resume (please specify Indian languages you speak, if any).
2. A statement of interest (1 page) indicating your interest in health sector and why you'd like to apply to TEF for an internship. Please let us know, if you can, topics you'd be interested to work on for your internship and also mention whether you would prefer to work on an existing project or on a stand-alone project.
3. A writing sample that highlights your ability to synthesize topics succinctly (1-2 pages)
4. Please indicate if you plan to / have already secured funding for expenses during your internship.

Candidates are encouraged to apply early for the best matching of their interests and experience with available projects.



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