

# BUSPH Global Health Practicum Postings

## Guidelines

### Practicum requirements:

- Does the position deal with public health issues?
- Will the work provide a challenging professional experience for a graduate student?
- Does my agency have the resources to appropriately support a student?
- Is there a person at my agency who could serve as a Field Supervisor?
- Does the position meet the minimum requirement of 112 student work hours?

### Best time of year to offer and post a practicum positions:

The Practice Office compiles and posts practicum opportunities on a rolling basis. We are happy to post international opportunities earlier. For opportunities that will take place in:

- Fall Semester (September – December): post advert May – July
- Spring Semester (January – May): post advert September – November
- Summer Semester (May – August): post advert February – April

### How do I post a practicum position?

Email adverts to the Department of Global Health practicum representative, Joseph Anzalone, ([josanz@bu.edu](mailto:josanz@bu.edu)) for distribution to student listserv and online. Please use the template below for creating a position description.

### Practicum Posting Template

- Agency name, address, website
- Brief agency description and/or mission statement
- Practicum project / scope of work
- Minimum or preferred skills needed by student
- Estimated dates; Minimum/Maximum time period;
- Arrival logistics, housing support, if any (estimate of anticipated living expenses)
- Number of students requested for practicum
- How to apply; application deadline
- Name, title, and contact information of Field Supervisor/Hiring Coordinator

### For more information or assistance, please contact:

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### or view:

<http://sph.bu.edu/practice>

<http://www.bu.edu/sph/practice/the-required-practicum/>

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### Global Practicum Posting Template

**Agency:** Center for Health Services (CHS)/Management Sciences for Health (MSH)

**Address/Contact Info/Website:**

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Management Sciences for Health  
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703.524.6575

[www.msh.org](http://www.msh.org)

*\*Intern can be based in the Medford office: 200 Rivers Edge Drive Medford, Massachusetts 02155\**

**Agency Description/Mission Statement:**

MSH, a global health nonprofit organization, uses proven approaches developed over 40 years to help leaders, health managers, and communities in developing nations build stronger health systems for greater health impact. We work to save lives by closing the gap between knowledge and action in public health. Since its founding in 1971, MSH has worked in over 150 countries with policymakers, health professionals, and health care consumers to improve the quality, availability and affordability of health services. Working with governments, donors, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, and health agencies, MSH responds to priority health problems such as HIV & AIDS; tuberculosis; malaria; maternal, newborn and child health; family planning and reproductive health; and chronic non-communicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and lung and heart disease. Through strengthening capacity, investing in health systems innovation, building the evidence base, and advocating for sound public health policy, MSH is committed to making a lasting difference in global health.

**Practicum description/Scope of Work:** *(Describe the project(s) you would like the student to undertake.)*  
*Health Research and Communications Intern*

**1) Background:**

The purpose of this internship is to provide support to Management Sciences for Health's African Strategies for Health (ASH) project. ASH comprises a dynamic team working to improve the health status of populations across Africa through identifying and advocating for best practices, enhancing technical capacity, and engaging African regional institutions to address health issues in a sustainable manner. The ASH project works across the technical areas of maternal, newborn and child health, infectious diseases, health systems strengthening, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy and communications.

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This internship will primarily focus on (1) research and documentation of best practice health interventions in Africa and the regional actors who are leading and supporting this work, and (2) drafting materials to support the strategic communication of ASH's activities and results.

### 2) Objectives:

1. Conduct research for a landscape analysis of African regional bodies engaged in health
2. Research and document best practices in the provision of health services at facility and community levels in Africa, including the use of mobile technology, integration of services and integration with or delivery of health by other sectors
3. Write blog posts and other communications materials, as well as research relevant health-related news in Africa
4. Write and edit technical briefs, activity summaries and similar products to highlight ASH's efforts and results across health areas

### 3) Outputs/Deliverables:

- Landscape analysis of African regional bodies engaged in the health sector
- Blog posts, weekly posts of African health-related news, and other web-based content
- Technical briefs and activity summaries

**Minimum skills required/desired:** *(List preferred or required skills, e.g., language, research, knowledge, familiarity with particular population, etc.)*

- Interns must be either a current student receiving credit for the internship or fulfilling a requirement to complete an internship
- Knowledge of public health issues
- Self-starter who is able to work independently
- Well organized, multi-tasker
- Excellent inter-personal skills
- Exceptional writing and verbal communications skills
- Computer skills essential: proficiency in MS applications

**Time / Dates of Availability:** 15 – 20 hours a week, from January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (ideally)– May 20, 2015.  
[Minimum or Maximum; needed lead time, if any]

**To apply:** *(Student can apply by submitting: CV, letter of interest, dates desired.)*  
Please submit CV, cover letter, and availability.

**Application deadline:** December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Number of students requested:** 1

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**Logistics & Support:** *(Students are always appreciative for any support offered, such as: stipend, airport pickup, housing assistance (living with a family). An estimate of living expenses is helpful.)*

**N/A**

**Contact Information of Field Supervisor and/or Hiring Coordinator:**

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