

Virtual Internships - Global Health

Kenya | Rwanda | South Africa | Vietnam



Course Description

GEI and Des Moines University have developed a Virtual Global Health Internship course that offers undergraduate and graduate students the unique opportunity to engage in GEI's social impact projects in **Mental Health** and **Maternal & Newborn Health** at our African and Asian campus locations in Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, and Vietnam.

You will join a multicultural and multidisciplinary team that carries out concrete project and research tasks. We will develop a personalized internship plan together with you and provide you with both an experienced preceptor and a local cultural coordinator. The internship is further enriched with topical introduction modules that focus on key SDGs and their application in Africa and Asia; interdisciplinary workshops on cultural intelligence, storytelling, and career development; rich local and intercultural activities (including engagement with local student peers); and assignments.

Highlights

- **Combine** a highly relevant global health experience with professional skills development and cultural immersion.
- **Work** with multidisciplinary colleagues and develop your intercultural communication skills, confidence and adaptability.
- **Gain** new insight through a unique African or Asian perspective on global health and social impact topics in low- and middle-income countries.
- **Broaden** your personal and professional network, and build lasting international friendships.



AT A GLANCE

GEI Campus Locations:

- Nairobi (Kenya)
- Kigali (Rwanda)
- Cape Town (South Africa)
- Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Regular Internship:

- Start dates: flexible
- Duration: 4 weeks
- Fees: US \$795

Custom Internship:

- Start dates: flexible
- Duration: 4-12 weeks
- Fees: US \$795 (4 weeks)
+ US \$75 for each additional week

GEI Global Health Engagement Areas

Mental Health

We operate mHubs (mental health hubs) in Rwanda, Kenya, and South Africa that aim to improve access to quality mental health and wellbeing services and to reduce stigmatization. Exemplary internship projects relate to research focusing on community-based or school-based mental health interventions, the curation of content for a mental health online portal, or support of continuing professional development training programs.

Maternal & Newborn Health

We work with regional health systems, health centers, and communities in Vietnam, Kenya, and Rwanda to strengthen the delivery of quality maternal and newborn health care services. Exemplary internship projects relate to the support of quality of care assessments in hospitals, the curation of content for quality of care intervention packages, the design of health promotion campaigns, or diverse research projects.

Enrollment Requirements

Students should have already acquired a theoretical foundation and preferably a practical skill set in their discipline. To be eligible to apply for this course, students can be enrolled in any major and minor. Applicants from non-health-related majors and minors are welcome and will be assigned according to their backgrounds, skills, and interests. Enrollment is generally reserved for juniors, seniors and graduate students, or by consent of the faculty sponsor. Professionals are welcome to apply for participation without credits.

What's Included in the Course Fees

- Internship placement
- Pre-internship advising, and development of an internship plan and goals
- Supervision by an experienced preceptor
- Project- or research-based work to deepen understanding of topics in global health, social impact and sustainable development
- Virtual interdisciplinary training and cultural activities/immersion
- Facilitated group reflection sessions
- Final presentation, report, and essay to synthesize learning

Not included are potential academic credits available via our school of record, **The College of New Jersey**. For 4 TCNJ credits, students need to complete a minimum of 180 internship hours and pay an additional US \$500.



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