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Public Health Foundation of India Public Health Research

CASI-PHFI Internship

The CASI-Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) partnership offers a competitive volunteer internship to current Penn students who are eager to take a hands-on approach to health care and research. PHFI is a public private initiative that has collaboratively evolved through consultations with multiple constituencies including Indian and international academia, state and central governments, multi & bilateral agencies, and civil society groups. PHFI is a response to redress the limited institutional capacity in India for strengthening training, research, and policy development in the area of Public Health. Students interested in medicine, public health, health care management, and research should apply.

Internship Details

- 10 week internship from May 2024 - August 2024
- CASI will provide up to four (4) Penn students approximately \$5,500 each to cover travel to and within India, affordable housing, and living expenses
- Funds for the CASI Summer Internship are available through a combination of generous support from CASI donors and Penn Global

Potential CASI Projects

- Pilot school based interventions focused on prevention of type 2 diabetes and management of type 1 diabetes
- Conduct community health surveys focused on qualitative and quantitative data collection
- Organize stakeholder interviews to engage community health workers and inform policy

About CASI

CASI is an academic research center located within Penn's School of Arts & Sciences. Founded in 1992, CASI is recognized as a national resource and the first research institution in the US dedicated to the study of contemporary India. For questions on CASI Student Programs contact Juni Bahuguna: junib@sas.upenn.edu



“Spending my summer interning for the Public Health Foundation of India in Delhi was a very special experience. I learned an immense amount within community health research and practice, collaborated on many projects with brilliant professionals, and explored different regions of the beautiful country.”

—Meghan Fersten C’23

About PHFI

PHFI is focused on building institutional capacity in India to strengthen public health education, training, research, and policy. The health promotion division at PHFI aims at designing evidence based interventions to develop healthy settings in diverse environments. The development of interventions is based on theory and needs assessment of populations, addressing the determinants of health and illness. Appropriate health promotion approaches are selected to address individual, community, and societal determinants of health and illness. These methods and approaches range from health education, advocacy, community empowerment, legislation, fiscal policy change to organizational change and strengthening health services to address social inequalities in health. For more information on PHFI: <http://www.phfi.org>

New Delhi, India

Delhi, the capital city of India, offers an enriching experience for foreign students with its unique blend of tradition and modernity. Renowned educational institutions like Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University attract students from around the globe, fostering a diverse and vibrant academic environment. The city's historical monuments, including the Red Fort and India Gate, provide a fascinating backdrop for exploration and cultural immersion. Delhi's eclectic street markets, such as Chandni Chowk, offer a sensory journey through diverse Indian cuisines, crafts, and traditions. The thriving arts and music scene, along with numerous museums and galleries, provide ample opportunities for cultural engagement. The metro system and well-connected public transport make it convenient for students to navigate the city. Delhi's dynamic social life allows students to forge lasting connections and friendships, creating a supportive community.

Accommodation and Food

Students will stay at an AirBnb close to the PHFI office. Food and transport options are readily available in the area.



CASI Resources and Application Details

- CASI Open House: Thursday, January 18, 2024, time TBD, at CASI, 133 South 36th Street, Suite 230
- 2024 Penn Summer Opportunities and Funding Resources Fair on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00pm in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall
- Applications close on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 11:59pm EST