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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 healthcare 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 2020 - August 2020
- CASI will provide up to two (2) Penn students approximately \$4,000 each to cover travel to and within India, afford-able housing, and living expenses
- Funds are made possible through the support of Penn's Office of the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and in conjunction with Penn Abroad and Penn's Global Research and Internship Program (GRIP)

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 Laura Iwanyk: liwanyk@upenn.edu



"My CASI internship was the most connected of any internships or jobs I've had in college to the type of public health work I would like to pursue in the future. It confirmed my desire to work with on public health projects and initiatives over laboratory research, while reaffirming that my desire to become a doctor is compatible with these goals."

—Mallory Kirby C'17

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/>

Gurgaon

Gurgaon, also known as Gurugram, is a city located in the State of Haryana and part of the NCR (National Capital Region). Located just south of New Delhi, Gurgaon is one of four major satellite cities easily accessible by highway and Delhi Metro. Considered the industrial and financial center of Haryana, Gurgaon is home to many of India's manufacturing companies and fortune 500 companies. The city experiences extreme heat in the summer with temperatures extending above 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the month of June. During the winter months, the temperature will hover just above freezing. The monsoon season brings heavy rains to cool the climate typically during the first week of July.

Gurgaon has all the amenities of a major Indian metro including shopping, restaurants, cinemas, nightlife, and other conveniences.

For more information see:

<http://www.delhicapital.com/delhi-locations/gurgaon.html>

Accommodation and Food

Students will stay with a family in an apartment in Gurgaon. Food options are readily available in the area.



CASI Resources and Application Details

- CASI Open House: December 9, 2019, time TBD, at CASI, 133 South 36th Street, Suite 230
- Attend a "Chai Chat" on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00pm to speak with one of our past students
- Applications close on January 20, 2020