Global Health Summer Research Internship Opportunity

Institute: Brain & Mind Institute, Aga Khan

University, Nairobi, Kenya

Eligibility:

 1st Year Medical Students at Geisel

• Geisel Ph.D. Students

Timing: Summer 2024

Application Deadline: February 18, 2024



The Brain & Mind Institute at Aga Khan University in Nairobi, Kenya, in partnership with Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, is excited to offer a unique opportunity for Geisel students to participate in a Global Health Summer Research Internship in Nairobi, Kenya. This program is designed to provide students with hands-on research experience in the fields of brain and mental health within a global health context.

Internship Overview:

Successful applicants will engage in cutting-edge research projects that explore the interplay between brain function and global health challenges. The internship will leverage the multi-disciplinary expertise at the Brain & Mind Institute, encompassing areas such as neurological diseases, mental health, and community-engaged research within the diverse population of Kenya. Study methodologies include cultural anthropology, brain imaging, wearable devices, and neuropsychological testing.

To find out more about the work of the Brain & Mind Institute in Kenya, please see here: https://www.aku.edu/bmi/Pages/BMI-conference.aspx

Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with researchers and clinicians at the Brain & Mind Institute to assist in ongoing studies.
- Participate in the collection and analysis of data.
- Conduct literature reviews to support research findings.
- Attend educational seminars and workshops.
- Engage with local communities to understand the impact of neurological diseases on brain health and mental health.
- Prepare a research presentation at the conclusion of the internship.

Stipend: Provided by the Dartmouth Center for Global Health Equity based on internship duration.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team in a cross-cultural setting.
- Demonstrated interest in neuroscience, neurology, global health, cultural anthropology, or related fields.
- Experience in the cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa preferred.
- Prior research experience is an asset but not required.

To Apply:

Submit the following documents to Center.for.Global.Health.Equity@dartmouth.edu:

- A current CV outlining your academic achievements and any relevant experience.
- A statement of interest (max 500 words) expressing your motivation for applying to the internship and how it aligns with the qualification requirements above and future career aspirations.
- Please combine both CV and statement into a single PDF file

For any pre-inquiries regarding the internship, please contact Dr. Thomas Thesen (thomas.thesen@dartmouth.edu).