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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Internship
Accountability for Decolonising Global Health Research

Organizational Unit: United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

Reference Number: 2021/UNU/IIGH/Intern/ADGHR/07

Applications to: iigh-internship@unu.edu

Closing Date: Open until position is filled

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Project description
This project is part of the broader programme on decolonising global health and health futures by UNU-IIGH. Our purpose is to spark a global conversation on how to shift the polemics about decolonising global health research into pragmatic solutions through the dimension of accountability. We aim to answer the following: (a) What does accountability mean in the context of decolonising global health research? (b) What are the accountability mechanisms for the “key gatekeepers” of the global health research system? and (c) how should the future of accountability look like to decolonise global health?

The intern will support this project and gain hands-on experience in research and convening, engage fellow interns, scholars, and staff, and familiarise oneself with the activities of UNU-IIGH.

The key tasks of the intern will include:
- Research: With supervision, perform literature and desk reviews, transcribe interviews, and analyse quantitative and qualitative data
- Writing: Draft policy briefs, research manuscripts, and website blog articles
- Coordination: Provide administrative and technical support for convening and related activities
- Other tasks as requested by the supervisor, the pillar lead, or the UNU-IIGH Director.

Required qualifications and competencies
- Currently enrolled in, or recently completed, a graduate program (Masters level) in global or public health, health policy, health sciences, or other related disciplines
- Demonstrated ability in performing literature reviews and data analysis (quantitative and qualitative)
- Proficient in English, with excellent written and oral communication skills
- Proficient in MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint; Familiarity with Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Zotero, and Covidence is desired
- Team player with strong interpersonal skills; Malaysia-based or remote interns will be considered

Duration
This internship is for a minimum of three (3) months to a maximum of six (6) months. UNU-IIGH provides a stipend for both in-person and remote interns. Starting date is as soon as possible.

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