



Consortium Internships

Aims:

The Consortium aims to build and strengthen research capacity in academic and health service organisations (NGO and government sector) in the area of HIV, hepatitis C and illicit drug use in NSW, and to encourage collaborative research, and the formation of healthy public policy in these fields.

Internship Description:

The Consortium internships are provided to community health services staff as an opportunity for professional knowledge and skill development in the areas of social and policy research on HIV, hepatitis C and illicit drugs. These internships can be taken up at either the Social Policy Research Centre or the National Centre in HIV Social Research, both located at the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

Successful applicants will be placed within one of the partner Research Centres for a period of up to 6 weeks working closely with an academic mentor on their chosen topic. This could be a full-time arrangement for 6 weeks, a set part-time arrangement or a more flexible arrangement. However, the arrangement should be agreed in advance and commitment made by the intern to fulfilling the agreement. If progress is not made, internships can be suspended or terminated at the discretion of the Consortium Director. Successful applicants will have their normal salary costs covered for this period of their internship (up to \$6000).

Evaluations of the internship program will be required from all successful applicants, employers/supervisors, and supervising academics.



Objectives:

- To partner academic research staff with community health service staff from the NGO and government sectors.
- Provide community staff with research skills and an understanding of the research process.
- Provide research staff with an understanding of the issues, concerns and environment of community and government health services.

Application Process:

There are two stages to the application process for Consortium Internships. An initial expression of interest is required addressing the criteria listed below. Successful applicants will then be encouraged to lodge a further application detailing the expected learning and professional development outcomes from the proposed internship.

Expressions of interest must include:

- Name of applicant
- Organisation/employer
- Letter of support from employer/supervisor including:
 - Indication of salary support required.
 - Expected outcomes of applicant's involvement in the internship program for the organisation/employer.
- Contact details
 - Work phone
 - Email
 - Postal address



The Consortium for **Social and Policy Research**
on **HIV, Hepatitis C** and **Related Diseases**

- A one page description, addressing the following criteria/areas:
 - Project you propose to work on
 - What is your area of research interest? (E.g. HIV, hepatitis C, illicit drug use, gay men's health etc.)
 - Which research centre would you like to be placed (the NCHSR, SPRC or both)?
 - Is there a specific researcher and/or research project you would like to spend your time working on/with?
 - What do you expect to learn if successful in receiving an internship?
 - How would completing an internship assist you with your day-to-day work?
 - Proposed period/dates of internship

All expressions of interest should be addressed to:

Attn: Consortium Internship Program
National Centre in HIV Social Research
Level 2, Webster Building
University of NSW, Sydney 2052

More information:

If you have any questions regarding the internship program, the application process or you need assistance writing your expression of interest please contact the Consortium's Workshop Organiser Ann Whitelaw.

Email: a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au