

# Save the Mothers is looking for 2 PROGRAM INTERNS for the 2017/18 academic year

Save the Mothers is a global leader in reducing the numbers of mothers dying in childbirth. We offer a Master of Public Health Leadership degree in maternal health, administered by Uganda Christian University in Mukono, Uganda.

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# **Description of intern:**

This person will have completed an undergraduate degree (specialty not required) and have some experience in a work setting. They will be people-oriented with a willingness to work and learn in a cross-cultural environment. The appropriate person will have a strong interest in health issues in the developing world (and preferably maternal/child health). Many of our interns go on to careers in development, public or maternal health care. The successful candidate will respect the values and beliefs held by both the Save the Mothers program and the Uganda Christian University.

### **Roles/Responsibilities:**

The STM intern will report directly to the STM executive director but will work closely with the STM academic director and administrative assistant.

The appropriate candidate will have a strong mastery of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and the use of email/Internet searches. Other appropriate computer programs would be helpful (e.g. SPSS or EPI info) along with outstanding skills in communications and social media. Photography is also an asset.

#### Timeframe:

The intern will be on site in Uganda as of at least September 1, 2017 (interns may arrive late August) and stay until May 15, 2018 (or later). Interns are free to return home during the month of December if they wish (at their own expense).

#### **Interns will:**

- a) Ensure all audiovisual and technical requirements for STM classes are in place at the beginning of each class.
- b) Record and edit lectures given during the STM classes/modules (using supplied technology)
- c) Liaise with STM students and assist with the students' acquisition of teaching resources including class notes, assistance with basic computer access/problems
- d) Organize class notes into permanent records for STM
- e) Liaise with the Communications Director (in North America), providing weekly up-dates regarding onsite activities, photographic documentation, follow-up contacts, etc.
- f) Under the direction of the Communications Director, manage STM's social media presence (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn), providing updates with text, graphics, photos, videos, etc.
- g) Carry out special research assignments as required, including Internet searches to garner necessary information/scientific papers.
- h) Assist in any special activities held by the STM program, including outreaches to the community/church/hospitals
- i) Assist in the promotion of STM in both Canada and East Africa when possible
- j) Any other appropriate tasks as deemed necessary by the executive director

The STM intern will be free to join any STM teaching session or activity that may interest/benefit them personally, including field trips to the community for sensitization.

## **Housing:**

The STM intern will be housed in an 'apartment/flat' on the campus of UCU. It is a basic arrangement with a kitchenette, private bedroom and sitting area. Wireless Internet is made available for the intern flat through the university's system. A refrigerator, gas stove and basic kitchenware are available for free use. Utilities are covered by the interns

## **Financial issues:**

Save the Mothers international will support the intern with a \$2000 stipend to be put towards their airfare or whatever is deemed appropriate. Estimated costs for the STM intern:

Flight—\$2500
Health insurance—\$500
Accommodation—no charge if staying in intern flat
Food—depends on your tastes—can probably manage at \$10/day
Telephone airtime—\$50/month

Other incidentals (including utilities—water and electricity)—\$200 per month

# How to apply:

Please send your CV and a short essay (500 words) stating why you would like to become the Save the Mothers intern to Dr. Jean ( jchamber@mcmaster.ca ) and Dr. Dan Scott (manager@savethemothers.org). In your CV include your full name and contact information including email, snail mail, Skype name (if you have one) telephone number and emergency contact information. You should include two references (include their contacts and state your relationship to them) with your CV. No other formal application is required.

Deadline for application is May 15, 2017. Interviews will be offered to eligible candidates

Please see <u>www.savethemothers.org</u> for more information about Save the Mothers. There are several videos available (including of media coverage from TVO and Crossroads) on the website under the "News and Video" tab.

Here is what the STM interns have had to say about their experience in the STM program:

"This has been life-changing. I've gained invaluable experience about maternal health, country development and Ugandan culture. I couldn't imagine spending a year in Africa doing anything else." Ashley Wallace (STM intern 2009/10)

"Working with Save the Mothers has given me knowledge and experience, both in maternal health and working in a developing country, beyond what I could have imagined. This internship with STM has been the opportunity of a lifetime." Laura Cranna (STM intern 2010/2011)

Feel free to contact our current interns Jess Huston and Beka Busby at <a href="mailto:internstm@gmail.com">internstm@gmail.com</a> or last year's interns Kathryn Brown at <a href="mailto:katherine39@me.com">katherine39@me.com</a> and Victoria Shaw at <a href="mailto:vshaw@nosm.ca">vshaw@nosm.ca</a> with further questions or to get the "real scoop" about being an STM intern.

We look forward to your application!