Summer 2016 Lerner Fellowship Program (Master’s-Level)

Under the Department of Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, the Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion (the Center) conducts research, education, and service to improve health promotion and communication practices, fostering new solutions to critical and complex public health challenges affecting New Yorkers and the nation.

The Lerner Fellowship is a summer fellowship program established to support MPH graduate students at the Mailman School who are committed to the discovery and application of evidence-based health promotion and health communication practices. The program allows fellows to apply their academic training in needs assessment, intervention design, program evaluation and/or research methods to the science of health promotion and health communication. The Center is located at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

Summer fellows will be compensated at a rate of $15/hr. This fellowship is open to MPH graduate students only. Fellows will be working on multiple Center projects, and are guided under the mentorship of Center staff and faculty. Projects are tailored to the needs of the Center and the fellows’ skills and interests. Some example projects may include:

- **Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Emergencies Toolkit**: Assistance with analyzing qualitative data and writing up results from a global desk review and two country (Myanmar and Lebanon) assessments that were conducted to better understand adolescent girls’ and women’s needs around menstrual hygiene management in humanitarian emergencies. The project is a partnership between the Mailman School of Public Health and the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

- **Puberty Book Projects**: Assistance with analyzing qualitative data and writing up results from puberty book projects conducted with adolescent girls and adults in Madagascar and Pakistan. Project may also include analyzing data from a pilot project in Baltimore, Maryland that will aim to adapt the global puberty book model to the USA context.

- **Colon Cancer Study**: Assistance with background literature reviews and qualitative analysis for research that examines how interpersonal relationships and communication between patients, providers, and family members influence treatment decisions and health outcomes among colon cancer patients.

- **Kids Cook Monday Pilot Study**: Assistance with program coordination and evaluation of a pilot Kids Cook Monday program offered to Columbia University employees and their families. Kids Cook Monday is an initiative that encourages families to cook and eat together.

- **Get Healthy Heights**: Develop health literate content for a community-based health website (gethealthyheights.org) for the northern Manhattan community. Tasks may include conducting key informant interviews, developing a protocol for best practices, producing written and video material, and facilitating focus groups in the community to evaluate the materials produced.

The Lerner Fellowship program is named in honor of Sid and Helaine Lerner, whose generous support made it possible to establish the Center and its work in this critical area of health promotion and health communication. This is the first year of the fellowship program. Two fellows will be selected for the Summer 2016 Lerner Fellowship Program. For more information about Center faculty, projects and events, please visit mailman.columbia.edu/publichealthpromotion.
Selection of Fellows

The Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health is currently accepting applications for the Summer 2016 Lerner Fellowship Program. Each application will be evaluated on the basis of the applicant’s academic ability, achievement, career goals, research skills, and experience in health promotion and health communication. The review committee will select candidates whose experience, training, and career goals most closely align with the goals of the Center. A selection of applicants will be interviewed if needed.

Application

In order to be considered for the Summer 2016 Lerner Fellowship, all application materials must be received by the Center via email attachment before 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The completed application must be emailed to gl2430@columbia.edu as one single file in Word/PDF format. The application should be in 12-point font, with “Lerner Fellowship—[Your Last Name]” in the upper right header of each page.

1. COVER SHEET (1 page)
   Include the following information:
   • Applicant name and contact information (address, phone, email)
   • Academic status at the time of this application (e.g. 1st year MPH)
   • Department
   • Certificate
   • Name of departmental advisor

2. COVER LETTER / PERSONAL STATEMENT
   The cover letter should communicate the applicant’s interest in the Lerner Fellowship program, including professional and personal interests, as well as educational and career goals.

3. RESUME / CV
   The applicant should provide a resume or CV of his/her educational background, and any honors, awards, fellowships, employment, publications or experience that are relevant to the fellowship.

4. RELEVANT COURSES TAKEN
   A list should be provided of all courses taken that are relevant to the fellowship, including both graduate and undergraduate study.

5. REFERENCES
   Provide the name, relationship, and contact information for 2 references. References may include professors, faculty advisors, past work supervisors, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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