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Global Health Internship Scheme

“Your Opportunity to Bring Evidence-Based Medicine to the Developing World”

Costello Medical Consulting is a medical consultancy company based in Cambridge, UK. Through both commercial and charitable projects, we aim to assist the delivery of effective healthcare globally. In our unique global health internship we are offering a professional from a low- or middle-income country the opportunity to spend two-to-three months gaining skills in evidence-based medicine by working with us on a healthcare problem relevant to his or her community.

Origins of the Scheme

As well as working with a variety of leading pharmaceutical companies, we seek to apply our knowledge to a real public health benefit: we have a strong background in working with global health charities (including Giving What We Can and The Foundation for Genomics and Population Health). The Costello Medical Consulting Global Health Internship aims to provide a long-term solution to the need for evidence-based health policies and treatments in low- or middle-income countries.

Objectives of the Scheme

We will share our skills and knowledge in evidence-based medicine, medical communication and health economics through working together on a specific health problem from the intern's community. Examples of possible projects could include producing a flyer to promote awareness of a specific disease, calculating the economic impact of a disease in a particular country, or conducting a systematic literature review on the effectiveness of a certain treatment. Our ultimate goal is to support public health efforts in reducing the burden of disease in low- or middle-income countries.

The Costello Medical Global Health Internship Scheme will also support the intern's professional development, and allow them to train other local practitioners in evidence-based medicine after successful completion of the internship.

Who We're Looking For

We are looking for a national of a low- or middle-income country, working in a health-related profession, who will be able to use the skills gained during their internship to benefit their work and their own community. This could include early-career health practitioners, health-related charity or NGO workers, health researchers, or other health professionals. The candidate should be educated in a health or science-related subject, be fluent in written and spoken English and have good numeracy skills.



Practicalities

The Costello Medical Global Health Internship Scheme is based at our offices in Cambridge, the UK. The internship is a fixed-term, two-to-three month position, although some flexibility around the length of the internship is possible. We will provide a monthly stipend to contribute to accommodation and living costs, as well as supporting the intern in applying for a visa and finding short-term accommodation in Cambridge. The intern and his/her home organisation will be responsible for ensuring funding to cover the cost of return travel to the UK.

How to Apply

Please send us your CV, along with a cover letter explaining why you are interested in this opportunity and how you fulfil the requirements outlined above. It should also include the details of the specific project(s) that you would like to work on with us during your internship.

Please send applications to:

recruitment@costellomedical.com

by the 31st of May 2013

For more information:

Please visit our website www.costellomedical.com

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About Costello Medical Consulting

Costello Medical provide market access and medical communication services to the pharmaceutical industry, working with a variety of leading pharmaceutical companies and on a broad range of disease areas. Our areas of disease expertise include gastrointestinal disorders, autoimmune diseases and various types of cancer.

We are also committed to spending part of our time working on charitable projects. Past projects include participating in the PHG Foundation's programme against birth defects in developing countries, and investigating the cost-effectiveness of strategies to combat tuberculosis for Giving What We Can. The idea for the Costello Medical Global Health Internship Scheme arose as part of our participation in the Cambridge Humanitarian Centre's 2012 Global Health Year.

