

WINTER FIELD RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR UP STUDENTS:

Seeking a University of Pretoria student to join the Malaria Awareness Program (MAP) for its research and programme implementation in Limpopo and Mpumalanga from June-August of 2016. This student researcher will work alongside Programme Coordinators to implement the programme and assist in the research/evaluation process. The student will contribute to greater health knowledge of participants, as well as create a strong bond with the community and further increase the sustainability of the programme.

LOCATION: Skukuza Camp, Kruger National Park and HaMakuya, Limpopo Province.

TIME: 7 to 10 weeks (between June - August). The approximate breakdown of work is as follows, but varies significantly depending on organizational needs and expansion plans from year to year:

- 2 weeks of training, programme prep, etc.
- 4 weeks of HBCW training and MAP workshops
- 1 week wrap up for final data collection, analysis, stakeholder interviews, and preparation for the next iteration of MAP

BACKGROUND: MAP is a project of One Sun Health, a non-profit organization that aims to promote sustainable, locally driven solutions to public health challenges through community health education and social entrepreneurship initiatives. MAP involves an intensive community health worker training programme followed by a multi-week series of education workshops, which take place at the traditional leaders' home in various villages. MAP falls under the ambit of the University of Pretoria Centre for Sustainable Malaria Control (UP CSMC).

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: Work with two American students to expand the Malaria Awareness Program. Help organize community meetings, train and facilitate the home-based care workers in leading interactive education workshops, administer pre/post-surveys, interact with governmental officials, compile and analyze data sets, develop sustainable plans for future programming, etc. Programme Coordinators are additionally expected to collect stakeholder interviews, as well as communicate programme and logistical updates on a weekly basis back to the OSH team.

DESIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- Dedicated, engaged, passionate, and willing to work with others;
- Demonstrated interest in malaria, infectious disease, medicine, public health, health sector management and policy and/or community service;
- Postgraduate student (preferred) or a pre-graduate student with an interest in research;
- Fluent in English (some TshiVenda knowledge would be a bonus but not a requirement).

Please note: *You will be living and working in a rural area with no luxuries. There will be costs involved and you should be able to supply your own funding.*

BENEFITS: This research experience and opportunity to work with international students will provide the applicant with a diverse lens to view health education, the ability to give back to the community, and the potential to save many lives. Participating in MAP will potentially lead to published and recognized work on an international health platform.

TO APPLY: Please send your CV and a completed application form (attached) explaining your experience and why you would like to become involved with the Malaria Awareness Program to the Senior Project Coordinator at the UP CSMC on taneshka.kruger@up.ac.za.

For more information, email contact@onesunhealth.org or visit <http://www.onesunhealth.org>.

For more information on the UP CSMC visit www.malaria.up.ac.za.



Programme Coordinator Application

Please email your CV and a PDF version of this application to
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One Sun Health is a non-profit organization that aims to promote sustainable, locally driven solutions to public health challenges through community health education and social entrepreneurship initiatives in South Africa. One Sun Health is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic students to build our staff and strengthen the movement towards improving physical, social and economic health in South Africa.

- 1) Programme Coordinators are expected to commit 7-10 weeks in South Africa during the winter of 2016. Working on the ground, communicating back to the US, raising awareness and fundraising are things we hope that you *want* to do. What draws you to One Sun Health and what do you want to gain from the experience? Why do you *want* to be involved?
- 2) In addition to seeking Programme Coordinators who are passionate and enthusiastic about the mission of One Sun Health, we are interested in students who come with a different perspective of the world or with unique skills and interests. What can you, as an individual, contribute to One Sun Health?
- 3) Living, working and communicating in an unfamiliar, rural village can be quite difficult at times. Tell us a little bit about how you work with others in a team setting. How do you work best? How do you respond to feeling uncomfortable or uncertain when operating in a challenging environment?
- 4) What is something you have always wanted to do? This does not have to be public health related – just tell us about something you want to accomplish!