Helen Keller International
Internship Announcement

Data Analysis Intern
(Dakar, Senegal or remote work)

Established in 1915 with Helen Keller as a founding trustee, Helen Keller International (HKI) is dedicated to saving the sight and lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. Headquartered in New York City, HKI currently conducts programs in 21 countries in Africa and Asia, as well as in the United States. Renowned for its reliability, efficiency and high level of technical expertise, HKI promotes the development of sustainable, large-scale programs that deliver effective preventative and curative services for nutrition, eye health and neglected tropical diseases. HKI also undertakes research to add to global knowledge on what works and why in global health programming. Each year, HKI hosts student interns to engage in substantive projects in our country and regional offices.

Background
Helen Keller International (HKI) has been working in Africa for over 20 years and currently has offices and active projects in 12 countries. HKI implements all its projects in partnership with local, national and international NGOs as well as numerous government agencies. The focus of HKI's work in Africa is on nutrition, food security and neglected tropical diseases. HKI's Africa Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal oversees the work of the country programs as well as working on cross-cutting issues of interest to the organization, such as defining and forwarding a research and learning agenda.

Scope of Work
This is an ideal position for a student who has completed coursework on nutrition, food preferences, and/or nutrition-sensitive agriculture and is eager to gain experience conducting desk-based original research on these issues. The student would work with the Africa Regional Advisor for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research on analyzing primary data from one or more research projects. These include a sustainability assessment of a nutrition-sensitive agriculture project in Cote d'Ivoire, similar work on urban agriculture in Senegal, a project on nutrition communication via SMS messages in Tanzania, and a study of adolescent nutrition in Mozambique. Specifically which project the intern works on will depend on timing, skills and interest, but nutrition programming in low-resource settings is a central theme of all of these projects. Note that no fieldwork is anticipated at this time. It may be possible for the intern to be based remotely, instead of in our Dakar office.

Analysis will focus on nutrition indicators, food choices, individuals' opinions related to health and nutrition, livelihoods, and/or agriculture. The position should result in two concrete deliverables: 1) Cleaned and documented data and analysis files (e.g., .do files in Stata or coding in nVivo); 2) At least one working paper resulting from the analysis of the data. The topic of this paper can be identified in the first weeks of the assignment or before the student arrives. It is hoped that the paper will be of sufficient quality to be published in an academic journal, with the support of the intern's mentor.

Note: the analysis may be of qualitative data, quantitative data, or both. The preference will be for someone who can work with both types of data. Prospective candidates should clearly explain which they are applying for and ensure that they meet the relative qualifications (below).

Qualifications (Cross-cutting)
- Experience and/or coursework in nutrition
- Excellent oral and written English language skills, including the ability to clearly document work and write reports and papers
- Ability to prioritize workload, assume responsibility for work, and follow through to completion
- Ability to work independently
- Flexibility and ability to adapt to changing circumstances, and to see through challenges to find solutions

Additional Qualifications (Quantitative Focus)
- Experience with statistical methods for analyzing quantitative nutrition-related data
- Highly computer literate: proficient in using Stata, R or SPSS; Knowledge of Stata *preferred*
- Ability to understand written French or Portuguese *preferred*

Additional Qualifications (Qualitative Focus)
- Good ability to understand written French or Portuguese <u>required</u>; ability to write and speak French or Portuguese a bonus.
- Experience with methods for analyzing qualitative data (e.g., interview and focus group transcripts)
- Highly computer literate: proficient in using qualitative analysis software, such as ATLAS.ti or nVivo (nVivo preferred).

Terms & Conditions
- An 8-week full-time commitment to the position is required but the dates of assignment are flexible.
- Position could be remote (anywhere with a strong internet connection) or based in Dakar, Senegal.
- Candidate should be able to provide his/her own computer, preferably with necessary software.
- ***Costs associated with Internships are the full responsibility of the participating student, including airfare, housing, daily living expenses, etc.***
- HKI will assign an academic mentor to ensure the intern is provided with sufficient guidance.
- In addition, an Administrative Manager will be assigned (this may or may not be the same person as the Academic Mentor) to welcome and support the intern with regards to logistics, to act as the local point of contact for all administrative information, and to serve as HKI headquarters' primary point of contact for the management of any incidents that may arise.

To Apply
Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to hki.interns@hki.org noting the internship title and location in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Helen Keller International is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or protected veteran status.