

Helen Keller Intl Internship Announcement

Communications Intern to support a study to evaluate the nutritional impact of Golden Rice in the Philippines

Helen Keller International is a global health organization dedicated to eliminating preventable vision loss, malnutrition and diseases of poverty. Cofounded by Helen Keller – and guided by her fierce optimism and belief in human potential – the organization delivers life-changing health solutions to vulnerable families where the need is great but access to care is limited. In the US, Africa, and Asia, Helen Keller’s proven, science-based programs empower people to create opportunities in their own lives and build lasting change.

Helen Keller has a commitment to accommodate our staff and/or interns during this unprecedented time, via work from home and flexible scheduling, as needed, as well as a commitment to duty of care and ensuring appropriate health and safety measures are followed as staff and/or interns return to the workplace.

Background

Helen Keller International is planning to conduct a study in the Philippines to evaluate the impact of Golden Rice on the vitamin A status of school children. Golden Rice is a genetically modified rice that contains a precursor of vitamin A known as beta-carotene. Although this genetically modified rice may provide benefits to economy and society, public perceptions of the potential benefits and risks of products resulting from gene modification are still mixed and vary within and across stakeholder groups and regions. Helen Keller plans to develop a risk communications strategy to address stakeholder concerns about its Golden Rice impact evaluation study. As part of the strategy development process, Helen Keller plans to identify questions/concerns by stakeholder group in the Philippines, and draft key messages consistent with risk communication principles and with existing evidence. Helen Keller is looking for an intern to support this process.

Scope of Work

Working under the guidance of Helen Keller’s Golden Rice team, the intern will:

1. Review and synthesize the risk communication literature regarding Genetically Modified Foods in general and Golden Rice in particular.
2. Review and synthesize the literature on stakeholder concerns related to Golden Rice already documented in the Philippines.
3. Identify and list key questions and concerns by stakeholder group related to the proposed impact evaluation study for Golden Rice.
4. Draft “message maps” for high concern and anticipated questions by stakeholders that are clear, concise and provide layered information.

Qualifications

- This position would be ideal for an MPH student seeking hands-on experience in risk communications.
- Familiar with risk communications principles and methods.
- Ability to review, organize, synthesize and summarize reports, documents and scientific articles.
- Excellent oral and written English language skills, including the ability to clearly document work and write reports.
- Ability to prioritize workload, assume responsibility for work, and follow through to completion.

Terms & Conditions

- Full- or part-time between November 15, 2020 and January 31, 2021
- It is anticipated that this will be a remote internship placement.

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 is dedicated to building an inclusive workforce where diversity is fully valued.

Helen Keller 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.

We are committed to providing reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities. If you are a qualified individual with a disability and need to request an accommodation during the application or interview process, please contact us at the email above or call 646-356-1789.