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Professional Exchange

PUBLIC HEALTH EXCHANGE INTERNSHIP FORM MMSA - Malta

General Information

Name of the Internship's Project:

Inter-sectoral work in non-communicable diseases / environmental / social determinants of health within an international strategy/policy context

Name and address of the department:

*Office of the Superintendent of Public Health
St Luke's Hospital, Pjazza San Luqa, Pietá, Malta*

Type of the Department:

Governmental Institute

Head of the department:

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Description of the Internship

Problem Statement:

The Office of the SPH undertakes strategic inter-sectoral work on non-communicable diseases / environmental / social determinants of health within an overarching policy framework as set by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Inter-sectoral work is a challenging area of public health and puts into practice the health-in-all-policies approach. The office adopts a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach as advocated by the WHO in its European health policy framework 'Health 2020'. The aim of this work is to improve prevention, healthcare outcomes and public health strategy for the Maltese islands.

What is the main goal(s) of the Internship?

The intern will get a taste and a hands-on experience of inter-sectoral public health. There will be a special focus on non-communicable diseases / environmental / social determinants of health.

What are the objectives of the Internship?

- 1. For the student to get exposure to inter-sectoral public health work and broaden their knowledge on this medical field.*
- 2. Hands-on experience of a task related to non-communicable diseases / environmental / social determinants of health.*

What is the expected outcome(s) of the Internship?

- 1. Exposure to inter-sectoral public health work by being a part of the teams working within this department.*
- 2. Development of skills related to the tasks at hand (e.g. report writing, research methodology, development of a tool).*
- 3. An understanding of strategic public health work and the importance of SMART indicators and budgeted areas of action.*

Type of the Internship:

Research

Policy development and implementation

Advocacy, Campaigning & Education



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Exchange Student's Role

Will there be any theoretical teaching provided?

No formal teaching, however there will be informal sharing of background information, guidance and mentoring on the ground in the area of public health during the internship.

What is the role of the student and what is expected from him/her during the exchange?

The role of the student will be to shadow the work of public health professionals and to manage some tasks in line with the student's personal interest. Any tasks will be supervised and feedback will be given.

What should be the outcome of the student's participation on the exchange Internship?

Depends on the type of work and projects being undertaken by the department at the time, generally in line with priorities and requirements.

Will you be providing performance based letter of recommendation?

Yes

What are the practical skills and knowledge the student will acquire during the exchange program?

The student will develop public health skills and will develop a general knowledge of population health and prevention. He or she will gain an understanding of the importance of addressing the determinants of health to improve overall population health and reduce inequalities. The student will gain an understanding of strategy development and implementation. Practical skills will depend on tasks undertaken during the internship. These tasks vary depending on projects and work being undertaken by the department at the time.

Requirements

Students Eligible for the Exchange:

- *Medical Students*
- *Pre-Medical Students (In case of countries where preclinical years are considered a different degree)*

Are there any other requirements than your NMO Exchange Condition?



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Yes

If yes, please mention them below:

Exchange students will be able to benefit from this public health exchange program much more if they have an adequate level of both written and spoken English.

Schedule

Exchange period length:

4 weeks

There are approximately *8 hours* of work per day.

Available months:

- *July*
- *August*
- *September*

How many exchange students can you accept to this internship?

At the same time per one exchange period - *1*

In total per year - *2*



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By signing this form, the national officer fully accepts to abide to SCOPE and SCOPH regulations.

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Date, Address

Name, Signature and Stamp of the SCOPE Director