



## HIV Programmes and Advocacy Intern

*Do you want to grow your career in public health with a focus on HIV?*

*Do you want to work with committed colleagues towards a common goal of helping to end the global HIV epidemic?*

*Do you want to learn about the interface between HIV, research and the biomedical industry?*

*Do you want to understand more about the intersections of HIV with hepatitis C virus (HCV), tuberculosis (TB) and non-communicable diseases (NCDs)?*

*Are you passionate about contributing to efforts in support of under-served populations?*

***If your answer to all or most of these questions is 'yes' then this IAS internship might be perfect for you!***

### About the IAS:

Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries. IAS members work on all fronts of the global response to AIDS, and include researchers, clinicians, policy and programme planners and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic.

The IAS organizes the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue, and provides a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy. The IAS Conference on HIV Science brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals and features the latest HIV science, with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

In addition, the IAS advocates for urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV, including increased investment in HIV cure research; optimizing treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents with HIV in resource-limited settings; preventing and treating HIV-related co-infections; and expanding access to prevention, treatment and care for key populations at higher risk for HIV – such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers and transgender individuals – including protecting their human rights by combatting punitive laws and discriminatory policies.

More information on IAS can be found at [www.iasociety.org](http://www.iasociety.org).

### Details of the Internship:

The internship is based at the IAS Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. It is full-time and will last 6 months from 19 June 2017 to 15 December 2017. The intern will report to a Research Officer in the HIV Programmes and Advocacy Department.

### **Purpose of the Internship:**

The IAS is seeking an intern to work within the HIV Programmes and Advocacy Department under the direct supervision of a Research Officer. The intern will be involved in a diverse set of activities related to the Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) and HIV co-infections and co-morbidities, and will get insights into project management, event organization, reporting and strategic planning, as well as knowledge of the HIV epidemic and of the different stakeholders (including industry, academia, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, etc.).

The ILF promotes and facilitates the full contribution of the biomedical industry to the global HIV response with a focus on expediting the development, approval, uptake and utilization of HIV prevention, diagnostics and medicines. The ILF collaboration platform focuses on two areas: paediatric HIV and regulatory affairs.

Complementing its existing programmes, the IAS will strengthen its contribution to the broader global health agenda, and will increasingly support the recognised synergies between HIV and other disease areas. In particular, the HIV co-infections and co-morbidities work stream will primarily focus on HIV/HCV co-infection, HIV/TB co-infection, and HIV/NCDs co-morbidity.

### **Main Responsibilities:**

Potentially also including, but not restricted to:

- Contributing to the development of needs assessments at the intersections of HIV with tuberculosis, non-communicable diseases.
- Participating to the development of an online database on actual timelines of WHO Prequalification of In Vitro Diagnostics and WHO Prequalification of Medicines;
- Contributing to a broad consultation of the ARV industry (both originators and generics) on successes and challenges of WHO Prequalification of Medicines, informing the development of a peer-reviewed commentary;
- Participating to the development of policy briefs aimed at incentivizing the development of priority paediatric ARV formulations;
- Drafting technical documents (e.g., briefing notes on organizations and persons, concept notes for different activities, slide sets, minutes, surveys, short reports);
- Providing logistical support (e.g., venue, audio-visual, catering, travel support);
- Providing administrative support (e.g., scheduling meetings and conference calls, liaising with the ILF Advisory Group, maintaining a contact database);
- Assisting in the overall planning and evaluation of activities;
- Other department activities as needed.

### **Academic Qualifications:**

- Currently studying or recently graduated in public health, international relations, international law, biological sciences, medicine, pharmacy or a related field is highly favourable.

### **Experience:**

- Scientific or academic writing and desk literature research advantageous;
- Project management and/or event organization skills a plus;
- HIV, viral hepatitis (B and C), tuberculosis, non-communicable diseases and/or broader global health exposure beneficial;
- Advocacy experience valuable.

### Skills/Competencies:

- Basic understanding of global health challenges of to the HIV epidemic and related co-infections and co-morbidities, ideally where the biomedical industry is involved;
- Good time management and organizational skills;
- Meticulous attention to detail.

### Languages:

- Excellent written and oral English communication skills (other languages a plus).

### Benefits from the Internship:

The intern can expect to gain skills and experience in the following areas:

- Insights into the work of an international, non-governmental organization;
- Insights into project management, event organization, reporting and strategic planning;
- Insights into HIV-related policies, research and structural barriers;
- Insights into advocacy, research promotion and partnership building activities;
- Opportunities to grow a professional network and collaborate with leaders from different organizations;
- Unique exposure to the interface between global health, research and the biomedical industry.

**Stipend:** 2'000 CHF/month gross (full time).

### How to apply:

This internship is ideally suited to a qualified, motivated and eager-to-learn graduate willing to prepare his/her professional life in a challenging and dynamic setting, with high international exposure.

**Interested and qualified candidates should send their CV and a cover letter, in English and by email only, to [recruitment@iasociety.org](mailto:recruitment@iasociety.org) by Monday 5 June 2017.** Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Only candidates from Switzerland, from an EU/EFTA country or candidates already having a valid Swiss working permit will be considered.

The IAS is committed to recruiting and sustaining a skilled, effective, diverse and gender-balanced secretariat, and to the greater involvement of people living with HIV (GIPA) in all aspects of its work. **People openly living with HIV are strongly encouraged to apply.**