



HIV Co-Infections and Co-Morbidities Intern

Do you want to grow your career in public health?

Do you want to work with committed colleagues towards a common goal of helping to end global epidemics?

Do you want to understand more about the intersections of HIV with viral hepatitis (including hepatitis C virus – HCV) and tuberculosis (TB)?

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:

The mission of the International AIDS Society (IAS) is to lead collective action on every front of the global HIV response through its membership base, scientific authority, and convening power.

Founded in 1988, the IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries working on all fronts of the global AIDS response. Together, we advocate and drive urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV.

The IAS is the steward of the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences – the International AIDS Conference and the IAS Conference on HIV Science. These conferences have established a gold-standard meeting that convenes the world's top scientists, civil society members and policymakers to jointly discuss the fight against HIV.

We promote and invest in HIV advocacy and research on key issue areas through our strategic programmes, initiatives, and campaigns that advocate 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.

Details of Internship:

The internship is based at the IAS Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. The duration of the internship will be 6 months, from 1 March 2019 until 31 August 2019.

Purpose of the Internship:

Successfully addressing the challenges of co-infections and co-morbidities requires tackling the complexities of multiple epidemics, including reaching vulnerable populations and expanding access to new diagnostics and medicines. The IAS HIV Co-Infections and Co-Morbidities initiative focuses on a number of areas around HIV and related co-infections and co-morbidities, including hepatitis C virus (HCV), tuberculosis (TB), sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and

non-communicable diseases (NCDs). In addition to programmatic work, the HIV Co-Infections and Co-Morbidities initiative is the convener of conferences taking place prior to IAS 2019 (21-24 July 2019, Mexico City, Mexico): TB/HIV 2019 and the 5th International HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection Meeting.

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 support the HIV Co-Infections and Co-Morbidities initiative around its meetings taking place prior to IAS 2019: TB/HIV 2019 and the 5th International HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection Meeting. The intern will get insights into project management and event organization, as well as knowledge of the HIV, HCV and TB epidemics.

Main Responsibilities:

- Providing logistical support (e.g., venue, audio-visual, catering, travel support, webcasts, scholarships, poster exhibition, etc.) to two meetings taking place prior to IAS 2019
- Supporting programme development (liaison with speakers, moderators, panellists and session co-chairs, preparation of speaker guidelines, programme updates, etc.) to two meetings taking place prior to IAS 2019
- Coordinating selection and award of the IAS Injecting Drug Use Research Prizes and IAS TB/HIV Research Prizes
- Drafting technical documents (e.g., briefing and concept notes, slide sets, minutes, surveys, short reports)
- Providing administrative support (e.g., scheduling meetings and conference calls, liaising with stakeholders, maintaining a contact database)
- Providing assistance to other activities as needed.

Academic Qualifications:

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

Experience: (previous internships)

- Experience in project management and/or event organization a plus
- Experience working in a culturally diverse environment a plus
- HIV, HCV, TB and/or broader global health exposure beneficial
- Science and advocacy experience valuable.

Skills/Competencies:

- Basic understanding of global health challenges related to the HIV epidemic and related co-infections
- Good computer skills in the Windows environment (Word, Outlook, PowerPoint).
- Good writing, time management and organizational skills
- Meticulous attention to detail

Languages:

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

Benefits from this Internship:

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

- Knowledge of the HIV, HCV and TB epidemics
- Insights into the work of an international, non-governmental organization
- Insights into project management and event organization
- Insights into HIV-,HCV- and TB-related policies, research and structural barriers
- Insights into advocacy, research promotion and partnership building activities
- Opportunities to grow a professional network and collaborate with key opinion leaders.

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 challenging and dynamic settings, 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 by Monday, 18 February 2019. 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.

IAS employees are evidence-based, human rights-focused, inclusive and accountable partners in the HIV response. Candidates should display genuine commitment to IAS values (learn more [here](#)).

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 living with or affected by HIV are strongly encouraged to apply.**