

Independent Projects - PeerCorps Trust Fund

We are able to place a limited number of student interns whose work and interests span public health, medicine, economic development, youth empowerment or community based research.

Developing a Proposal

Prospective applicants who have an interest in developing an independent internship to carry out with PeerCorps are welcome to apply. Proposals must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) Proposals must identify an area critical to public health, education or development and be related to one or more of the organization's core efforts.
- 2) Proposals should be written in English and should be formatted according to the template that we provide.
- 3) Proposals must provide a clear purpose and a statement of how it will benefit the people of Tanzania and advance the mission of the PeerCorps Trust Fund.

Supervision

Your supervision must be included as a component of your proposal. Normally participants must have an institutional advisor at their institution/university, as well as one or more local on-site advisors.

Research and IRB approval

All independent research projects involving human participants must be submitted for review to the National Health Research Ethics Review Committee at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR). This is the national regulatory body responsible for the supervision of health research in Tanzania. We ask that you share with us the near finalized versions of your research proposals so that we may review them prior to submission. Research projects not involving human subjects research must still be approved through an institutional body. A permit to conduct research may also be required. For information concerning costs and procedure, please visit the NIMR website for more information <http://www.nimr.or.tz/ethical-guidelines/>.

Giving back

All proposals must elaborate on how the knowledge obtained from the planned project will be transferred back to the community. The results of all research activities should, in some way shape or form, be made accessible to the communities in which the research was conducted. Manuscripts or research reports should be published in an open access format where possible with lay summaries in Swahili or English made available to the local communities. Presentations to community stakeholders and members may form the basis of the knowledge translation process and should include a participatory component where possible.

Timeline

We ask that all independent projects be submitted *at least eight months* prior to the planned start date.

Costs

There are no costs associated with supervision of independent research projects at this time.

Disclaimer

We reserve the right to decline to supervise any research project which does not fall within the mandate of the organization or is of a commercial nature.

For more information on carrying out independent projects please contact the International Project Coordinator via email below:

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