



CII Spotlight: 2017 Summer Interns



Semirat Azeez
Johns Hopkins University
Master of Public Health, Master of Business Administration
Year: 2018

I completed my medical training in Ghana in 2012 and after some time in the public and private sector, developed an interest in global health, specifically in health systems strengthening. This internship has been the perfect opportunity to apply both my public health and business skills to real world problems. I love the team and the work that we do.



Riyanka Ganguly
Duke University
Bachelor's, Political Science
Year: 2018

Through my work with HIV/AIDS education and community advocacy in my hometown of Seattle, Washington, I developed a passion for global sexual and reproductive health and equity advocacy. As an undergraduate at Duke University, I have worked to further explore this passion through extracurriculars, such as working with HIV youth clubs in Gondar, Ethiopia with SCOPE Health and serving as Student Body President. My experience as a Saving Lives at Birth intern in CII has not only fostered my passion, but also offered a new lens by which to understand scalability and sustainability for ground-breaking global health innovations. I hope to continue a career in global health and become a changemaker in the field through the pursuit of innovation and entrepreneurship, and have developed this understanding thanks to my time at CII.



Hilary Imai
University of California, Berkeley
Master of Public Health
Year: 2018

I am currently pursuing my Master of Public Health at UC Berkeley where I am focusing on health policy and management. My interests in global health are centered around improving access to pharmaceutical drugs and devices in low- and middle-income countries, working across the numerous stakeholders to ensure safe and successful product introduction. I am excited to work with CII's Market Access team this summer and learn more about their innovative application of strategies, traditionally rooted in the private sector, towards complex global health situations.



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Sofia Stafford
Duke University
Bachelor's, Cultural Anthropology and Global Health
Year: 2017

I graduated from Duke in May 2017 where I double majored in Cultural Anthropology and Global Health with a concentration in adolescent girls' health and development. Through my fieldwork in Latin America and internships with Rise Up at the Public Health Institute and Innovations in Healthcare over the last few years, I have explored the intersection of global health, communications, and business. Working with the CII team and with our inspiring Saving Lives at Birth innovators is a perfect marriage of these passions. I am excited to be back at the Center for a second summer working on the Development^xChange and the Saving Lives at Birth portfolio.



Elizabeth Wilkinson
Duke University
Bachelor's, Public Policy and Global Health
Year: 2018

I am a rising senior at Duke University with interests in health policy and access to medicine. I am grateful for my experience at CII, where I am surrounded by colleagues who have deep experience and go ahead of the curve in innovative global health practices. I hope to carry forward what I have learned at USAID with a career in global health innovation.