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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INTERNSHIPS

THE WHO INTERAGENCY COORDINATION GROUP ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS IN IFMSA

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Duration: 2 months or longer (flexible)

Expected Date of Joining: Interns can be allocated for the above duration within the following period: mid Feb 2018 – April 2018

BACKGROUND

The International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) was founded in 1951 as an organization of the medical students, for the medical students, and by the medical students. For more than 60 years, IFMSA was led and run by medical students worldwide. The Federation has not only been a dynamic platform of opportunities for the future physicians but has also served as their voice at the international level.

IFMSA is the world's oldest and largest independent organization representing associations of medical students internationally. It currently maintains 130 National Member Organizations from more than 120 countries across six continents with over one million students represented worldwide. IFMSA is recognized as a non-governmental organization within the United Nations system and the World Health Organization and as well, it works with the World Medical Association.

The IACG and the WHO IACG Secretariat

What is the IACG? The Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) is a Group co-chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and the Director General of the World Health Organization and comprises high level representatives of relevant UN agencies, other international organizations, and individual experts across different sectors. It was established in response to the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance during the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in September 2016. The objective of the Group will be to provide practical guidance for approaches needed to ensure sustained effective global action to address antimicrobial resistance, including options to improve coordination, taking into account the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. It will produce a report to the Secretary-General for the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.

What does the IACG Secretariat at WHO do? The IACG Secretariat coordinates the entire IACG and organizes meetings and conferences related to the group. It supports the work of 6

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subgroups within the IACG working on different issues related to AMR and provides material and assistance to these subgroups. It further supports the IACG in the creation of an interim report to be presented to the Secretary-General ahead of the UN General Assembly in September 2018 and a final report to be provided in July 2019. The IACG works under a “one health” approach, including animal health, agriculture and the environment, and therefore also works closely with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) under a tripartite.

How does the IACG work? The IACG convenes through two main methods of work:

Meetings

- In person at least twice a year, in New York, Geneva and in countries with a special interest in AMR or those who offer to provide support to host meetings
- Teleconferences and related methods of electronic communication

Stakeholders

The group invites a wide number of stakeholders, including, but not limited to: academia, civil society organizations, consumer, patient and veterinary groups, faith-based organizations, industry and the private sector, UN Member States, nongovernmental organizations, philanthropic organizations, and professional organizations to interact with and provide input to the IACG.

OBJECTIVES OF THE IACG

To provide practical guidance for approaches needed to ensure sustained effective global action to address antimicrobial resistance, including options to improve coordination, taking into account the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

Through global coordination:

- To raise awareness and support implementation of major global priorities, tools and standards for reducing AMR, including the Global Action Plan on AMR and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To coordinate mapping of actions being taken by UN agencies, other organizations and key stakeholders towards achieving measurable results, and identify opportunities for collaboration, as well as gaps, redundancies, and duplication.
- To promote, plan and facilitate collaborative action to align activities so gaps are closed and resources are optimally distributed.
- To explore the feasibility of developing global goals and ambitions related to AMR for UN agencies, component members, and, where appropriate, other stakeholders, for priorities set out in the declaration.
- To regularly report on progress and on IACG meetings and to issue a full report to the UN General Assembly at its 73rd session, through the Secretary-General, keeping Member States, stakeholders and the governing bodies of WHO, FAO and OIE fully apprised of progress.



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OBJECTIVES

This internship request is for a bright, enthusiastic and hardworking intern to join the WHO IACG Secretariat for a 2-4 month period in 2018 and support elements of the IACG work plan during 2018. The objectives of this internship are as follows:

1. To familiarize the intern with the constitution, history and work of the World Health Organization.
2. To provide a general understanding about the work of the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) and the International organizations within it.
3. To introduce the complexity of efforts to control antimicrobial resistance through a global public health perspective to the intern in relation to the Global Action Plan on AMR from 2015.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES/TASKS

The **intern will perform a range of tasks**, which can include a selection from the below but are not limited to these:

- Literature review on material relevant to the IACG and its subgroup (IPC, Surveillance, research pipelines etc.)
- Assist in commissioning and collation of policy briefs and background documents (information notes, fact sheets and discussion papers) before, during and after the meetings of the working groups.
- Support the review and update content of the IACG website and portal (under development); create and update relevant web pages.
- Support the development of documents including background papers
- Support the planning of events during IACG meetings, including country visits and stakeholder meetings
- Assist in drafting reports

REQUIREMENTS

- This Internship opportunity is open to medical students who belong to IFMSA National Member Organizations.
- Such a Medical Student:
 - Should be aged between 20 to 34 years old
 - Must be enrolled in a course of study (graduate or post-graduate) at a university or equivalent institution towards the completion of a formal qualification, or apply within 6 months of graduation
 - Must have excellent oral and written skills in English (a necessary requirement)
 - Should have good understanding of the field of AMR
 - Should have the ability to produce results within deadlines and work well under pressure, be flexible and independent and possess problem solving skills
 - Should be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
 - Must possess a passport of a WHO Member State.

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- Interested students should submit a Letter of Motivation, a detailed CV (no more than 1 page) explaining why he/she is interested in the WHO IACG, and an Enrolment Letter from their University, along with a Membership Certification from their national member organization of IFMSA. Recommendation letters from references are optional but welcome. These documents form their application.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

- Interns shall be selected based on their application by the WHO IACG Secretariat and will be particularly concerned with the work of the department they have chosen and all the expectations thereto
- A minimum duration of 2 months' internship is desirable
- Starting and ending dates of internships will be agreed upon between selected applicants and the WHO IACG Secretariat
- WHO internships are not paid. Travel costs, travel arrangements (including visas), and living accommodations are the responsibility of the intern or their sponsoring institution.
- Persons related to a WHO staff member, e., son/daughter, brother/sister are not eligible for an internship.
- Interns may participate only once in the WHO Internship Programme.
- Interns do not have the status of WHO staff members and shall not represent the Organization in any official capacity.
- WHO Interns are not eligible for appointment to any position within WHO for a period of three months following the end of their internship. Any employment with WHO at that point in time shall be subject to established recruitment and selection procedures.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES OF THE IFMSA INTERN

The IFMSA Intern will be charged with the following roles and responsibilities:

- Follow the appropriate application procedures and adhere to strict guidelines of the Internship program as stipulated in the Terms of Reference
- Should be flexible; independent; possess problem solving skills; have an interest in volunteer work; appreciate and respect other cultures, languages and social norms; possess a great deal of social networking skills and initiative.
- Upon arrival in WHO, the Intern should adhere strictly to the laws, rules and regulations surrounding the Internship program, work within the confines of his allotted community and pay particular attention to any restrictions whatsoever
- Submit a detailed report at the end of the Internship period to IFMSA detailing experiences, challenges, projects initiated as well as outcomes of the internship
- Interns must be freed for any other duties in IFMSA or other entities during their internship.



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COMMUNICATION

The main focal point involved in this Internship program for medical students from IFMSA is the Liaison Officer to the World Health Organization (lwho@ifmsa.org)

