



International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
The UN Migration Agency

**Position**

Intern – Migration Health<sup>1</sup>

**Duty Station**

IOM Regional Office, San Jose, Costa Rica (remote)

**Proposed Duration**

Up to 6 months with the possibility for extension up to 3 months, starting 1 May 2021

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

**Background Information:**

Within the Department of Migration Management (DMM), the Migration Health Division (MHD) has the institutional responsibility to oversee, support and coordinate the Organization's provision of migration health services globally. The MHD in the Americas, represented by the Regional Migration Health Specialist provides technical guidance and policy advice, establishes partnerships with relevant governmental, regional, multilateral, civil society and private entities in the domain of migration health, and identifies strategies and programmatic approaches that are informed by agreed policies, evidence, standards and trends in the sector.

**Supervision:**

The successful candidate will work under the overall supervision of the IOM's Regional Director for North America, Central America, and the Caribbean, direct supervision of the Regional Migration Health Specialist for the Americas, and in cooperation with the other colleagues in the Regional Offices in San Jose and Buenos Aires, IOM HQ in Geneva, and IOM Country Offices in the Americas.

**The intern will pursue the following duties:**

- Regularly collect evidence-based information from relevant sources on migration and health to contribute to strategic planning, project design and resource decisions;
- Contribute to all stages of development of new concept notes/project proposals including research of needs, actor and donors mapping, identification of problems, proposal drafting, resource mobilization and partnership building;
- Provide technical support as requested by IOM country missions in the Americas in the development and implementation of evidence-based public health initiatives in line with the Organization's mandate, the needs of beneficiaries and member states, and available resources;

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- Provide technical support in the development of actions on health assistance to crisis-affected migrants, outbreak preparedness, including COVID-19, community-based surveillance and infection prevention control among other areas of interventions;
- Support the monitoring and evaluation of migration and health programmes and identify best practices in different missions, closely collaborating with and contributing to the Regional Knowledge Management Hub;
- Support the Regional Migration Health Specialist for the Americas in day to day tasks and other priorities, as assigned.

### **Overview of Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate will work closely with the Regional Migration Health Specialist for the Americas and will provide support across the programmatic areas of the Health Promotion and Assistance to Migrants, and Health Assistance to Crisis-Affected Populations. This kind of support is strategic in delivering and promoting comprehensive, preventive and curative health programmes which are beneficial, accessible, and equitable for migrants and mobile populations. Bridging the needs of both migrants and IOM member states, MHD, in close collaboration with partners, contributes towards the physical, mental and social well-being of migrants, enabling them and host communities to achieve social and economic development. The successful candidate will materialize their support by executing the duties outlined in these Terms of Reference.

### **Training Components and Learning Elements:**

- Formal Training: The successful candidate will have access to formal training opportunities at IOM, particularly webinars and workshops that permeate multiple aspects of migration, such as migration health, international border management, migrant protection/assistance, migration, environment and climate change, and labour migration, among others.
- Learning on the job: The successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain experience from multiple migration health initiatives and projects, coordination in the context of COVID-19 pandemic response, public health aspects of migration, cross-cutting themes, gender perspective of migration and health in 28 country offices in the Americas. This perspective unlocks a valuable learning opportunity, as the successful candidate will have a comprehensive view of multiple operations on the ground that comprise integrated humanitarian action. The successful candidate will experience robust learning in programme design from every aspect of migration and health, humanitarian affairs, operations, collaboration with other international agencies like PAHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, different donors like USAID, the World Bank, among others.

### **Education:**

Ongoing Graduate Degree (Master's or equivalent) in Global or Public Health with a preference for pre-medical degree course requirements, or Humanitarian Affairs, Social Sciences and other related fields.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Familiarity with communicable and non-communicable disease control, HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, and other public health-related subject matters;
- Strong research skills, with a focus on medicine/public health required;
- Demonstrated ability to write clear and concise progress reports, proven skills in writing summary documents and editing reports, project documents and proposals, is desirable;
- Ability to work effectively both on his/her own and within a team of varied cultural and professional backgrounds.
- Experience in MS Package (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint)
- Demonstrated ability to write clear and concise progress reports, proven skills in writing summary documents and editing reports, project documents and proposals, is desirable;
- Fluency in English and Spanish is required.



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Interested individuals should send a CV and cover letter to **ROSanJoseVacancies@iom.int** quoting reference: **CR99/INTERNS-2021 003/001 Intern – Migration Health**.

Application deadline: **Thursday, April 08, 2021.**

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