

## START Center Summer and Fall 2016 RA Position(s)

**Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM PST on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 2016**

**Department:** Global Health

**Location:** Harris Hydraulics Building and Ninth and Jefferson Building

**START Overview:** The Strategic Analysis, Research and Training (START) Center in the Department of Global Health uses an innovative mentorship model to provide high-quality analysis and research support to public health organizations while developing applied research and analytic skills of graduate Research Assistants in global and domestic public health. Launched in 2011 through a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Center now supports two programs. The Global Program works with the Gates Foundation and other organizations working in global health. The Domestic Program uses a similar model to work with state and local health departments, and other US-based public health organizations.

The START Center team includes graduate students and faculty mentors with diverse backgrounds in public health, clinical practice, epidemiology, and related fields. The Center partners with the Foster Global Innovation Fellows Program at the Arthur W. Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship to incorporate MBA students into our teams, integrating a business approach into our analyses. With combined field experience on six continents, START teams approach research questions with a nuanced understanding of the complex challenges that affect health in communities across the globe and here at home.

**Position Summary:** This is an exciting opportunity to work as a Research Assistant (RA) with the START Center to develop practical skills in applied research and analysis, and work closely with faculty members to receive training and mentorship. Specific projects depend on client requests, but may include landscape analysis or background research on infectious causes of morbidity and mortality, and assessments of the state of science and practice related to global public health interventions. RAs work with faculty mentors to develop the project approach, and engage in research activities ranging from identifying, compiling and synthesizing available literature to conducting key informant interviews, performing empiric data analyses, and developing and presenting reports and materials. Project scope and content vary!

**Faculty Supervisor(s):** Judd Walson, MD, MPH, Stephen Hawes, PhD, Ann Duerr, MD, MPH

**Dates of Appointment:** Fall Quarter 2016-Spring Quarter, 2017, with the option to begin in Summer Quarter 2016.

**Summer Quarter Position Type:** Hourly appointment for approx. 20 hours/week. RA cannot be enrolled in classes to hold this summer appointment.

**Fall Quarter 2016- Spring Quarter 2017 Position Type:** Schedule I RA appointment (50% FTE appointment, approx. 20 hours/week, 220 hours/quarter). Under Schedule I appointments, tuition is paid by the RA-ship. There may be opportunities for extension in future quarters, dependent upon performance, project fit, program needs and funding.

**Eligibility:** This position is open to prospective graduate students at the University of Washington who will be enrolled in a degree program during Fall Quarter 2016.

**Desired Skills:**

- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to collaborate effectively both as a team member and a team leader.
- Quantitative and analytic skills.
- Ability to analyze complex problems and concepts and make sound judgments based on available information.
- Experience in planning and managing tasks and deliverables.

- Ability to ensure on-time delivery of high quality results.
- Ability to adapt one's leadership and communication style to a range of situations.

**Application Instructions:** To apply, please send your complete application in one PDF attachment to Emily Allen (START Center Managing Director) at [start@uw.edu](mailto:start@uw.edu) by 5:00 PM PST on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Please include "Last name, first name START RA App 2016" in the email subject line, and please use the same naming convention for your attached PDF application.

Your complete application includes four components, in the following order:

- 1) Current CV/resume
- 2) Cover letter
- 3) Two-page writing sample –a sample written solely by the applicant
- 4) Contact information for two professional references –name, title, phone, and email

Failure to follow application directions outlined above will result in immediate disqualification of application.