

## Research Focused Internship Opportunities

<i>Health Research Internship</i>	
<b>Job Title</b>	Health Research Intern
<b>Internship Focus</b>	Public Health
<b>Community Partner</b>	Centro de Salud Monimbo
<b>Location</b>	Masaya, Nicaragua
<b>Partner Profile</b>	<p>The Health Center in Monimbo works to improve the quality of life of individuals by providing general medical services and health education with a focus on women and children's health. All services are free or low-cost so that they are easily accessible. Centro de Salud Monimbo strives to lead, organize, coordinate, and regulate health care, assuring patient access and providing clinic visitors with choices and information to improve their life and promote healthy practices. The health center also focuses on disease and infection prevention, direct medical attention, and rehabilitation.</p> <p>To access their target population, CS Monimbo runs educational programs and community development projects, and provide services that are intra-institutional and multifaceted, focusing attention on vulnerable groups.</p>
<b>Internship Description</b>	<p>With limited staff and resources, CS Monimbo has not been able to effectively research the human behaviors surrounding risky health practices, or understand in which regions infections and diseases are most prevalent. Because of this, CS Monimbo is looking for a Health Research Intern to develop assessment tools, update current health data and data storage systems; research, assess, and analyze current needs, conditions, and risk factors. At the culmination of the internship, the Health Research Intern will present their findings to the health center and help them strategize methods of mitigation.</p>

<i>Health Research Internship</i>	
<b>Job Title</b>	Sexual Health Research Intern
<b>Internship Focus</b>	Public Health, Health Research
<b>Community Partner</b>	Association of Nicaraguan Women "Luisa Amanda Espinoza" (AMNLAE)
<b>Location</b>	Tola, Nicaragua
<b>Partner Profile</b>	<p>The Association of Nicaraguan Women "Luisa Amanda Espinoza" (AMNLAE) was formed in Rivas in 1977 as an answer to the demands of women participating in bringing down the Somoza dictatorship. Besides the main "Sonia Bello" county House, they have 6 other municipal Houses in an equal number of municipalities. These provide spaces for meetings, trainings, and education of the women and adolescents of Rivas. They are places where women come seeking medical care, legal advice, and therapeutic support. They are also places for learning technical skills in order to contribute to economic empowerment and development. The organization's current strategies include economic rights, political rights and social rights for women and youth.</p>
<b>Internship Description</b>	<p>The organization seeks to address the social issue of sexual health and reproductive rights as part of their comprehensive health program. They are looking for one or multiple interns to undertake a research project that would enable them to understand better the factors that relate to lack of access and information on sexual health and reproductive rights. They would use the data collected from the investigation to buttress their proposal writing, to aid communities in understanding where to concentrate their efforts, to support arguments for a</p>

	national strategy on reproductive rights, and to share information with relevant institutions.
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<i>Water Quality Research Internship</i>	
<b>Job Title</b>	Water Quality Research Intern
<b>Internship Focus</b>	Water Sanitation
<b>Community Partner</b>	Puesto de Salud Nancimi
<b>Location</b>	Tola, Nicaragua
<b>Partner Profile</b>	<p>The family health post of Nancimi is dedicated to providing health care and medications to the population in Nancimi and 13 small surrounding communities free of cost. Founded in 1988, the health post in Nancimi is a public institution within the network of the Ministry of Health (MINSa) in Nicaragua, and reports to the Health Center in the Tola, Rivas. The health post provides free and universal health care without discrimination to all citizens. Since it is a publically funded institution, resources are in short supply. The services include primary care, prevention, and free medication (when available). The key target populations are children, adolescents, and pregnant women.</p>
<b>Internship Description</b>	<p>The health post is concerned about the quality of water for human consumption. Commonly reported health problems at the post include urinary tract infections and gastrointestinal illnesses. A potential cause of such health problems is the quality of water the community is consuming, which primarily comes from local well water resources. The health post would like to undertake an analysis of water quality and carry out informed interventions in the community.</p> <p>The research would combine quantitative and qualitative methods. The intern would combine semi-structured interviews, surveys, and/or focus groups with clinical research methods.</p>

<i>Microfinance Research Internship</i>	
<b>Job Title</b>	Research and Evaluation Intern
<b>Internship Focus</b>	Microfinance
<b>Community Partner</b>	ALTERNATIVA
<b>Location</b>	Masaya, Nicaragua
<b>Partner Profile</b>	<p>Alternativa's vision is to be a real alternative: promoting small business competitiveness, creating a financial resource base by providing loans and organizing communal banks and cooperatives, leading financial training workshops, and conducting outreach to the most vulnerable sectors of the population. Alternativa currently serves 1,200 clients through loans and other services. About 75 percent of Alternativa's clients are women and the organization reflects a strong commitment to women's rights and sustainable economic development.</p> <p>The programs provided to community members form a three-pronged initiative for education and empowerment in the areas of micro-enterprise, economic stability and sustainability, and community development. The programs include Urban and rural micro-credit, Microfinance marketing and strategic management, conglomerates and cooperatives, youth education and community development.</p>
<b>Internship Description</b>	<p>Alternativa is seeking a Research and Evaluation Intern to research local microfinance organizations, statistics, methods, models, and outcomes. Much of the material and resources needed to begin such an investigation is documented in the Alternativa offices, but human resources are not available to conduct the extensive analysis needed to produce findings, evaluations, and recommendations. Additionally, the Research and Evaluation Intern will help in the assessment and evaluation of the current state, causes, and impacts of poverty at the local level, thus helping Alternativa understand root causes to the poverty they are striving to overcome.</p>