SPHCM Internship program

• Opportunity to gain real-world experience in a relevant health organisation through a workplace internship

• Interns will have an opportunity to make valuable contributions to organisational healthcare initiatives that may involve areas such as policy, planning, and evaluation associated with the delivery of healthcare services, or the preparation, appraisal, implementation or evaluation of health related projects

• Placements will be of six weeks duration (or six weeks equivalent duration if undertaken part-time - minimum of 168 hours).

• Students will be assessed on their workplace performance and on a written internship report.

• In order to be eligible to apply, students must have completed at least 24 units of credit (UOC) with at least a credit average (65% or higher). If you are enrolled part time or in a double degree program, this criteria will not be waived. If you are enrolled full time in a single degree, you are eligible to apply prior to completing the 24UOCs.
S2 Placements

Local Placements

• Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine, Surry Hills
• Integrated Systems in Epidemic Response - NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence
• Health Protection NSW, NSW Health
• Football United, SPHCM
• Yunus Social Business Health Hub, SPHCM
• NSW Refugee Health Service
• Centre for Health Equity Training, Research and Evaluation (CHETRE)
• World Health Organisation (WHO) collaborating centre for eHealth
• The Fred Hollows Foundation
• Sydney Sexual Health Centre, Sydney
• National Rugby League Limited, Sydney

International Placements:

• The Pacific Community (SPC), Suva, Fiji

Students will be aligned with a workplace and an academic supervisor
Application process

The call for applications for S2 is now open!
Closing date: Monday 24 April 2017 @ 9am
Interviews: 1st May between 9 and 12 (can be by phone)

Students can apply for the Internship program by submitting the following documentation:

- SPHCM Internship Application Form;
- 500 word personal statement outlining your reasons for applying for the internship.
- CV; and
- Academic statement from myUNSW

The above documentation must be submitted to postgrad-sphcm@unsw.edu.au
“I would definitely recommend the internship program to future students. Learning about international public health in a classroom is one thing, but being immersed in a different culture whilst learning about health is invaluable.” (Alison Kerr. MIPH/MPH student 2013)

“The most rewarding thing about my internship is applying my newly learned knowledge and skills (from the course) to real world scenarios and work tasks. I would definitely recommend the internship as it’s an amazing chance to see what working in the field is really like. It offers a chance to test your newly learned skills from the course in a practical environment. You also get to meet amazing people doing amazing work which is very inspirational” (Eileen Khaw, MIPH/MHM 2016)

“I was able to work in the area of sexual health, which is a passion of mine…I met people from different international organisations working in the field of HIV, Viral Hepatitis and sexual health. I would highly recommend the internship program. I believe that the internship provides a platform to develop professional skills” (Ashfaq Chauhan MIPH/MHM student 2016)

“I gained first-hand knowledge of contemporary issues being faced by service providers...(it’s) enabled me to gain an understanding of how an aged care organisation operates and develop valuable connections which I believe will play an important role in my future career” (Muhammad Yaseen MPH student 2014)

“...what I’ve found most rewarding, is the opportunity to contribute to projects implemented by SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Communities in Noumea New Caledonia) and the invaluable knowledge I’ve gained by working closely with my workplace and academic supervisors” (Jennifer Than MIPH/MHM student 2015).