



Youth Reference Hub

Quelimane, Mozambique



Youth Reference Hub (YRH) is a newly-established NGO that aims to support the establishment of a global network of young Africans for capacity building, talent promotion, coaching, and service delivery. This network will be made up of dynamic young people, with different backgrounds, who are making notable contributions to the development of their communities. We are working to offer to young Africans an online platform with tools and resources which will inspire and prepare them to face professional, technological, political, social, cultural, and economic dynamics and challenges. We also aim to educate societies as a whole so as to allow decision-makers to make informed policies regarding young people.

Read more about Youth Reference Hub's founder, Rogério Marques Júnior.

This Virtual Global Internship is offered through a partnership between UVA's International Studies Office/Global Internships and the Presidential Precinct. The Presidential Precinct has proudly hosted Mandela Washington Fellows in Charlottesville since 2014. Mandela Washington Fellows are accomplished young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa. A fellowship alumna/us will serve as host and mentor of this unique Virtual Global Internship.

Description of internship:

YRH is a non-profit organization in its start-up phase. Student-interns will have the chance to leave their mark on the organization through important foundational tasks.

The central purpose of this internship opportunity is to contribute to the improvement of the digital image of the Youth Reference Hub, through the following actions:

- Analyze the structure and design of the organization's official website and implement improvements
- Organize at least 3 webinars on the pressing challenges of African youth

What can an intern expect to learn in this internship?: A student-intern with YRH will have the opportunity to improve his/her planning skills, practice critical thinking, conduct online events effectively, and hone his/her ability to work in multicultural teams. The intern will have the opportunity to establish lasting connections with young African leaders and improve his/her knowledge about Africa, in general, and Mozambique, in particular.

Preferred qualifications:

UVA requirement: All candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

- YRH requires an intern who is passionate about youth issues and leadership development.
- Prior experience/expertise with graphic design, online event planning, and online event coordination/participation will be highly appreciated.
- Students should be interested in learning as much as they can about the region- its peoples, its cultures, and its particular conditions.
- Interns must have a highly pro-active spirit so they can successfully complete projects as assigned and as established by themselves.
- Candidates must have the strong motivation to work in diverse teams and across language barriers, if necessary, to facilitate projects in an inclusive and cooperative manner.
- Students must be supremely flexible and willing to contribute to the changing needs of the organization in whatever ways are most useful.

Language requirements:

• English and Portuguese. Portuguese is the language used in the YRH workplace so intermediate knowledge/familiarity would be highly useful (but is not mandatorily required).