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Vision Care Givers International

Uyo, Nigeria

Applications
due: April 1

[Vision Care Givers International](#) is an NGO with the mission to provide sustainable access to quality and affordable eye care services while advancing health education and leadership development in communities. Our organization has established a social enterprise-driven network of eye care centers in Nigeria, in addition to providing at-home vision care. We operate a Mobile Out-Clinic (MOC) in order to bring quality eye care services to the doors of those who are in greatest need, free of charge. Our organization also conducts needs assessments, eye care research, and vision care technology research.

Vision Care Givers International is committed to advancing health education, both within Nigeria and globally, through diverse media.

Read [this recent post from the Presidential Precinct about the work of the founder of Vision Care Givers.](#)

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:

With the assistance of UVA student-interns, Vision Care Givers International intends to launch a health awareness campaign promoting personal hygiene and healthy lifestyles using digital tools and infographics across social media. The campaign will involve engagement on five levels: strategic planning, research, fundraising, communications, and social media.

What can an intern expect to learn in this internship?: Student-interns will have the opportunity to practice design thinking and strategic planning in leading health communication activities. Also, as part of our organizational programming, we run a virtual leadership training for young people called 'Vision

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Hub' where we train participants in modules that enhance their ability to develop a vision plan, turn plans to actionable steps, learn non-profit leadership, social entrepreneurship, and business management. Within the available time, student-interns may complete some of these modules based on their interests.

Preferred qualifications:

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

- An ideal candidate would have prior experience with any of the following: health communications, community development/engagement, working on a team.
- Skills in strategic planning, marketing, fundraising, project management, social media, graphic designing and blogging will be relevant.
- Student-interns should demonstrate strong commitments to inspiring social change and to continuous learning.
- 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.
- Interns must be highly independent and self-motivated so they can successfully complete projects as assigned and as established by themselves.
- 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