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Starting date: July 2019
Duration: 3 months

FIND Strategic Development Interns

FIND is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to R&D activities to expand and accelerate access to new diagnostic technologies, and to build global diagnostic testing capacity for poverty-related diseases in low- and middle-income countries. FIND was founded in 2003 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

With programmes in tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis C, HIV, four neglected tropical diseases and diagnostics for outbreak preparedness, FIND works across test development, delivery and implementation. Over the past 12 years, FIND has delivered 12 new tests, of which 7 were for TB, and created an enabling environment for other new tests. These achievements have helped increase the global prioritization of diagnostics and, in some cases, have revolutionized the landscape of disease control programming in low- and middle-income countries.

Are you a strong writer and a quick learner in global health? Do you want to learn more about the development and use of diagnostic tests that meet the needs of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)? Starting in July 2019, we are looking for 2 interns to join our strategic team for three months in the summer and support the development of our new Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

The WHO May 2018 publication of the Essential Diagnostics List for In Vitro Diagnostics (EDL) established a new tool for governments to prioritize diagnostics within national decision making. The WHO EDL recommends where tests should be available amid facilities with and without a clinical laboratory. A listing of tests by more specific level of health care (e.g. primary health, district hospital, etc.) is needed to operationalize the WHO EDL and provide guidance on infrastructure, purchasing, and product bundling to governments establishing national EDLs. The project will analyse the WHO EDL and suggest tests for primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary levels. In addition, the project will translate the EDL into a list of top product-specific tests and research their current use and pricing in LMICs to come up with a set of product bundles associated with each level of health care.

Primary Responsibilities:

Position 1:

- Identify key procurement challenges in Diagnostics at the global, regional and country levels to adequately frame the problem – pricing, purchasing dynamics, key bottlenecks
- Review relevant pooled procurement mechanisms such as GAVI, Global Fund and their characteristics
- Gather “inspiration” on sustainable models from benchmarking other sectors, industries, etc. across both public and private sectors. Data for benchmarks to come from a combination of literature review and interviews

Position 2:

- Analyse the WHO's EDL and suggest tests for primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary levels
- In addition, translate the EDL into a list of top product-specific tests and research their current use and pricing in LMIC to come up with a set of product bundles associated with each level of health
- Research, write, edit and/or proofread content for FIND's strategic plan in various diseases areas
- Work with the leadership team to develop and implement new ideas and projects

Skills, competencies and qualifications:

- Excellent writing, proofreading, research and interpersonal communication skills
- Strong organizational skills, independent work habits, creativity, analytical skills and deadline-sensitivity
- Good sense of humour and able to work well as part of a team
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite
- Fluency in English required; knowledge of French or Spanish an asset
- Experience working in a multicultural environment and with non-profits, and at least basic knowledge about global health and international development desirable

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduate student in good standing, preferably in global health, international relations, or related
- Must be able to work 40 hours per week during the summer
- Must have necessary documentation to work in Switzerland

Please mail your motivation letter and CV to hr@finddx.org before **24 June 2019**

(But don't wait until the deadline! We will start screening right away and if we find the right person, we will stop searching.)