



Summer Internship 2011 at IPA Uganda

Application Deadline: March 20, 2011

Name of Project: The Community Knowledge Worker program: Evaluating rural data collection methods

Description:

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) seeks qualified applicants for an internship in rural Uganda to help evaluate a component of Grameen Foundation's Community Knowledge Worker (CKW) program. The intern will assist with a randomized evaluation that compares the data collection efforts of CKWs to IPA's traditional methodology. The study is led by Dean Karlan and Pia Raffler at Yale University, and Maggie McConnell at Harvard University. This position offers an opportunity to gain extensive field experience, to learn about the issues faced by the poor, and to be involved in cutting-edge research about using technology for development.

Location: The Kapchorwa and Gulu districts including some travel to Kampala

Responsibilities:

This intern should expect to spend most of their time in the field—planning and implementing the data collection in rural areas. More specific responsibilities will include:

- Helping to develop the survey tool. This includes assisting with pretesting questions, managing word changes, and developing an electronic version of the survey on a PDA.
- Assisting in training IPA's team leaders and surveyors in preparation for data collection.
- Supporting all aspects of the survey exercise including:
 - Managing the audit process (scheduling audits, reviewing back check data, ensuring each audit is completed on schedule, and so on).
 - Visiting villages to provide support and ensure that surveyor teams follow research protocols.
 - Scrutinizing survey data and resolving inconsistencies to ensure data is of the highest quality.
 - Organizing day to day logistics such as planning survey-locations (villages, households), managing transportation, and assisting surveyors with problems as they arise.

Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's or Masters' Degree in economics, public policy, social sciences or related fields
- Exceptional attention to detail and strong management/organizational skills
- Previous field experience in Africa strongly preferred
- Sound technical and data analysis skills, computer programming experience a plus
- Willingness to travel frequently in remote areas
- Demonstrated ability to work successfully with diverse constituencies and to work independently
- Experience in social science field research, previous survey experience a great advantage

Internship Period: June – August

Funding: Unpaid internship

To Apply:

Follow the instructions on [IPA's Internship Website](#). Other countries are seeking interns as well and interviews have already begun. Candidates who are interested in this specific position should specify "Uganda (CKW Project)" in the application when asked "Do you have a preferred country in which you would like to work".

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