

Women for Women International

Women for Women International mobilizes women to change their lives by bringing a holistic approach to addressing the unique needs of women in conflict and post-conflict environments.

We begin by working with women who may have lost everything in conflict and often have nowhere else to turn. Their participation in our one-year program launches them on a journey from victim to survivor to active citizen. We identify services to support graduates of the program as they continue to strive for greater social, economic and political participation in their communities.

As each woman engages in a multi-phase process of recovery and rehabilitation, she opens a window of opportunity presented by the end of conflict to help improve the rights, freedoms and status of women in her country. As women who go through our program assume leadership positions in their villages, actively participate in the reconstruction of their communities, build civil society, start businesses, train other women and serve as role models, they become active citizens who can help to establish lasting peace and stability.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The intern will work in the Women for Women Headquarters in Washington DC with the goal of developing a framework through which Women for Women can assess potential partnerships and providing assistance with the strategic planning process. There will be an opportunity to pilot the framework by screening some of the pending partnership requests from various corporations. Further, the intern will gather information and data related to a specific corporate partnership that will inform a case study. Finally, the intern will be expected to conduct work as need related to strategic plan development for Women for Women International. All of these activities will benefit the intern by providing an opportunity to do research and to utilize business tools developed as part of his/her course of study.

PROJECT SUPERVISOR

Erika Lubensky.

Erika Lubensky is the Chief of Staff at Women for Women International, a non-profit organization that provides women survivors of war with the tools and resources necessary to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency. Most recently, Erika worked with E&J Gallo Winery and also served as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Opening Doors, an NGO which works with refugees, immigrants and underserved people in the greater Sacramento area. Erika has experience developing strategic plans as well as implementing mechanisms to effectively measure progress against goals. Erika received her MBA from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in 2004.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The position requires a student or recent graduate who has previous work experience with a large non-profit organization. The intern will also need to have the ability and skills to work with senior management. Experience working with developing corporate partnerships would be helpful.

INTERNSHIP LOCATION

Washington, D.C.

RESOURCES

WDI \$10,000 fellowship and up to \$1,500 airfare reimbursement (with original receipt).

The intern will have to arrange all housing in Washington DC.
