



Global Public Health Internship | African Political Campaign | Spring 2022

Duration: January - June, 15-20 hours per week [hours and days are flexible]

Location: Remote

Application Deadline: December 15, 2021

About The Access Challenge

The Access Challenge is a New York-based organization that partners with political and cultural leaders to build African-centered mass-media campaigns and strategic advocacy programs to change health policy. We seek to influence policy to enable a world where the next generation of global citizens, our children, have equal access to the opportunities and services they need to thrive. Our dedicated team works strategically alongside leaders and influencers at the country, continental, and international level. By leveraging the power of the media to reach millions with life saving messages, we inspire multi-sectoral action in the fight to reduce child mortality, secure a healthy environment, cultivate global development partnerships, and unlock resources in the public and private sectors. Our flagship campaign focused on UHC is One by One: Target 2030 and is focused on Universal Health Care advocacy. In response to the pandemic, we launched Target COVID-19, a pan-African, coalition-driven communications and advocacy campaign created with the African Union and Africa CDC. The campaign includes various mass media campaigns to mobilize influencers from all sectors to use their viral platforms to promote increased testing, vaccine uptake, and general COVID-19 prevention measures across Africa. Learn more at www.accesschallenge.org and www.onebyone2030.org.

Position Summary

We seek a highly-motivated student pursuing global health, public health, policies, global development and/or African Studies to support the work of the Director of Political Strategy. The Political Strategy team develops and executes our high level political advocacy strategy aiming to provide universal healthcare throughout Africa by 2030 following WHO Director-General's call for Health for All. The campaign, One by One: Target 2030, operates on three levels: global convenings (UNGA, WHA, AU Summits, Regional Meetings), political advocacy (Head of State mobilization, leader-to-leader discussions, AU policy resolutions), and mass media campaigns (public influencers, musicians & sports celebrities) in Africa. This individual should be eager to think outside of the box to leverage the position as an NYC-based organization reaching both the international global health community, as well as African leaders and community health workers in order to create change in universal health coverage perception and policy. Responsibilities include:

- **Support for One By One: Target 2030 and COVID-19 Campaigns**
 - Provide support for the strategy and execution of the short term and long term campaign goals
 - Help conduct research on and cultivate relationships with prospective campaign partners
 - Assist in the planning of High-Level political advocacy events
- **Support for Political Advocacy Efforts**
 - Assist in drafting of health resolutions, specific policy recommendations to advance UHC in Africa
 - Research health system progress in Africa and help identify political & governmental meetings and/or discussions

Benefits

- Work with cross-cultural professionals who are passionate about advancing inclusive UHC
- Gain exposure to a range of disciplines and projects including research, editorial, digital media and social listening
- Strengthen your understanding of African politics, and behavioral change messaging through mass media platforms
- Opportunity to engage with global health partners, political figures, celebrity and micro-influencers and media houses

Qualifications

- Students majoring in global health, public health, policies, global development, African Studies
- Well-organized, detail-oriented, self-motivated, reliable and creative
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are required
- Experience and familiarity with digital advocacy and/or major social media platforms
- Interest in international relations, public health and policy, African development, social justice/environmental justice, global health, civic empowerment, climate change, and other related areas of focus

Please note that this internship is unpaid. Our team will work with your university to award you credit for your experience.

To apply, please send your Resume, Cover Letter and a Writing Sample to katy.morris@accesschallenge.org and info@accesschallenge.org.