



Internship Title: AMHF Capacity Building and Advocacy Internship

The GMHP has an ongoing collaboration with the **Africa Mental Health Foundation (AMHF)**, which is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, and directed by Dr. David Ndeti. The collaboration includes research investigations that address clinical priorities in the region as well as educational and training exchanges between our programs. AMHF is a non-governmental organization, operating in Kenya and the entire East African region and is now the premier Mental Health Research and Resource Centre in the region.

Placement Organization: Africa Mental Health Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya
<http://www.africamentalhealthfoundation.org/>

AMHF is a non-governmental organization, operating in Kenya and the entire East African region, dedicated to research for evidence-based policy, practice and promotion of mental and neurological health, and healthy behaviour. The Foundation's primary research area of focus is community mental health with the aim of providing innovative, appropriate, affordable, available and accessible mental health and substance use services to all Kenyans irrespective of their socio-economic status. It is now the premier Mental Health Research and Resource Centre in the region. It works with Multi-stakeholders of various backgrounds who have something to contribute to mental health in Kenya and other low-income countries.

The GMHP Collaborates with the AMHF on the TEAM (Multisectoral Stakeholder Approach To Scale-Up Community Mental Health In Kenya – Building On Locally Generated Evidence And Lessons Learned) Initiative. Funded by Grand Challenges Canada, this initiative partners with local clinics, Community Health Workers and Traditional and Faith Healers to train in mental health screening and intake. Utilizing existing resources within communities, this collaboration simultaneously builds capacity for mental health while engaging the various leaders in the community. Currently in its pilot phase, we are in the process of working on initial data collection and evaluation of TEAM in order to adapt the model for scale up as well as use in other East African countries. Interns will have the opportunity to work on qualitative and quantitative data collection, advocacy and capacity building while engaging with one of the leading mental health organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa.

* In some cases, we are also able to provide funding for roundtrip travel to placement sites.