



Library and Information Science Intern - Database Development Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston

About CMCH:

Now that we are in the Information Age, media are arguably the single most powerful influence on the health and development of our children. Youth today spend more time using media than they spend in school, or in any activity other than sleeping.

The mission of the Center on Media and Child Health (CMCH) is to conduct, coordinate and compile scientific research to improve the understanding of how media affect children's health in positive and negative ways and provide evidence-based expertise to initiatives and programs that address children's involvement with media.

One of the major initiatives of CMCH is the creation and maintenance of the CMCH Database of Research, the first free and publicly-available database to collect research from 11 academic disciplines to give a complete view of the state of research on media effects. In the coming year, we aim to recatalog our 2,400 current records using our new taxonomy and to catalog over 2,000 new records.

We are seeking a bright and enthusiastic intern to join our team and help us meet these goals. This structured internship will last 12 weeks total and will include one weekly group meeting, 1 weekly check-in with supervisor, and a variety of learning experiences related to special libraries (e.g. tour of Countway Library, interview with Children's Hospital librarian, instruction on EndNote etc). With flexible scheduling and a 10 minute walk to Simmons, this is a great position for a GSLIS student looking for an excellent learning experience.

Job Duties:

- The main focus of this internship will be to catalog/index articles that will be added to the CMCH Database of Research using our customized media effects taxonomy. Cataloging will make up 2/3 of the intern's weekly time commitment.
- We have a variety of other information projects that need work. Depending on the professional interests, educational background, and talents of the intern, the remaining 1/3 of the intern's weekly time commitment can be given to one of these projects. For example, past interns have designed handouts for parents, learned how to write scientific abstracts, "translated" scientific research into plain language, etc.

Qualifications:

Library Science graduate student or recent graduate who:

- is interested in the topic of media and child health.
- is enthusiastic and dynamic.
- is able to work both independently and as part of a team.

Other Information:

- This internship is unpaid, but I can guarantee you an excellent learning experience, mentoring by a well-connected and cutting edge librarian, and - assuming work is done well - a stellar letter of reference at the end of the internship.
- 15 hours/week total:
 - 10-12 hours must be completed on site between 8am and 6 pm Mon-Friday.
 - The remaining 3-5 hours may be completed from home if desired.
- Short walk from Simmons or the D line Longwood T stop.

Application Process:

1. Explore CMCH's electronic resources to learn more about us:
CMCH website: <http://www.cmch.tv>
CMCH Database of Research: <http://www.cmch.tv/research/searchcitations.asp>
CMCH blog: <http://cmch.typepad.com/cmch>
Ask the Mediatrix: <http://www.askthemediatrix.org>
2. Send a cover letter and resume to brandy.king@childrens.harvard.edu by January 8th, 2010.
3. Internship dates: January 25th, 2010 – April 20th, 2010