



**Medical Anthropology
INTERNSHIP PROPOSAL
WITH THE MONTEVERDE INSTITUTE (MVI)
2019**

Intern Position: Research Assistant

Coordinator(s): Full Name

Research Supervisor: Allison R. Cantor

Academic Supervisor: Full name (if different from RS)

Internship Description: Brief description 2 or 3 paragraphs

The purpose of this internship is to assist with ongoing research in medical anthropology. The research assistant will have the opportunity to learn various techniques for collecting and analyzing data, although the main technique the students will participate in is photovoice. Depending on the timing of the internship, this may include participant observation, interviewing, survey design, photovoice, community walk-through, focus groups, and qualitative analysis using Atlas.ti. The research assistant will participate in research on one of the following topics:

- 1) Gender and Reproductive Health
- 2) Climate Change and Health

Topics that may be covered by this internship include:

- Fieldwork and ethics when collecting visual data.
 - *What is different about fieldwork in the social sciences compared to other sciences?*
- Medical anthropology and global health
 - *How can medical anthropology research be used to address health concerns on a global scale?*
- Applied anthropology and public health
 - *What deliverables can be produced from this research? How can these materials improve health in the Monteverde Zone?*

Key areas of interest: Medical anthropology, public health

Time Frame: Ongoing

Length of Internship: 2-12 weeks

About the Organization:

The Monteverde Institute (www.monteverde-institute.org) combines academic experiences and community partnerships in order to advance the knowledge of sustainability. The MVI teaches and hosts

courses from over 25 universities in the fields of Tropical Ecology, Conservation Biology, Sustainability, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Education, Culture, and Community Health. The MVI spearheads various community projects such as Traveler's Philanthropy, sidewalk development, recycling, and the Bellbird Biological Corridor.

Intern Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate with internship supervisor during first days of internship to identify priority tasks and to schedule weekly update meetings.
2. Literature review (particularly local and unpublished)
3. Data collection and analysis (photovoice)
4. Final report
5. Health promotion materials for the community

Final products:

1. Annotated bibliography
2. Literature database
3. Final report (literature review, methods and analysis, results, discussion)
4. Community health deliverables (e.g., pamphlets, digital flyers, etc.).
5. Policy recommendations for MVI, Costa Rica, and global health

Prerequisites

Individuals who wish to participate in this internship must have a background in the social sciences or public health. This can include taking a university-level class in either public health or the social sciences, or having work or volunteer experience in either of these fields. Research experience not necessary.