

Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GEFT)

Information Interview with Program Management Support Intern:

Personal Work Experience: BA dual degree in Environmental Studies and International Affairs; 1 year field work in India working in project management for water and sanitation donor agency – project was a component of a larger government intervention that was building individual household toilets in a slum; MSc in Public Health with a focus in Environment and Health.

Average day in the job: Highly variable, but primarily comprises a lot of writing, strategizing, and supporting project management activities. Involved managing a partnership between USAID and The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation (TCCAF) as well as a separate TCCAF funding program that has WASH projects all over Africa.

General pieces of advice: Most valuable takeaways from time at LSHTM was meeting people from different backgrounds both professionally and culturally as well as the calibre of lecturers who are literally pioneers in their respective fields.

“Start early.” Took almost 6 months to find something because was picky with job focus (WASH and project management). Start networking in the summer or even earlier. You'll be surprised to find how many people want to help or will try to help you as much as possible. So, be aggressive at times but not too pushy! Also, fieldwork experience in developing countries is highly recommended – no specific number of years that is best, but the more the merrier.

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“Sustainability challenges are solvable if we work together.”

Skills considered most valuable in current role are technical writing, writing, analytical thinking.

GEFT seeks to shape a brighter future for communities and the environment by developing innovative strategic plans, creating high-impact partnerships, introducing new technologies and managing programs that have a lasting and positive impact on the world. GETF focuses upon three core issues as the basis of its efforts: Water & Sanitation, Clean Energy & Climate Change, and Sustainability.

GEFT has an informal summer internship system, which acts as a probationary period for hiring full time employees (usually but not guaranteed). Ideal candidate profile includes project management, WASH, and environmental experience. Not a ton of people with public health backgrounds, so it is a unique and interesting angle to come in with.

Speculative applications/CVs are welcome

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