

March 30th, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Population Council Mexico, I am very pleased to offer an internship position in Mexico City for the fall of 2009 (September to December). has a demonstrated commitment to women's health, especially around safe and legal abortion, and brings strong quantitative and organizational skills that would be valuable to the Council's portfolio of sexual and reproductive (SRH) research in Mexico. During her assignment, she will work closely with Kate Wilson, a researcher on my team, in the design, analysis, and manuscript development/publication of several abortion public opinion studies. In addition, will carry out a literature review to inform a current project to assess the SRH needs of indigenous youth in Mexico. As time permits, will participate in the qualitative analysis and manuscript writing of a study on the SRH needs and experiences of women living with HIV. We also will invite her to develop one or more concept papers on important topics in the region: a situational analysis of potential collaborators and research questions in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) that would help inform how the Council's should position itself strategically in LAC as well as a brief analysis and research/programmatic needs to address breast cancer in Mexico. Throughout her internship, will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of SRH issues in Mexico, superficially around safe and legal abortion and familiarize herself with our main collaborators (leading local and national NGOs) working in that area. This package of activities will enable to: 1) develop a greater understanding of abortion and related SRH issues in Mexico and leading actors in the field; 2) further develop skills in quantitative and qualitative research; 3) further develop her skills in professional writing. All of these activities are based on preliminary discussions with Council staff and . It is very possible that we will ask her to participate on additional projects as they come up and/or that one of more projects included in this list may conclude prior to her arrival. We have been supporting interns in the Mexico office for over ten years and are dedicated to working with each of them to accommodate their needs, interests and goals of the internship.

Kate will serve as primary Preceptor throughout her internship while I will provide overall guidance and supervision to ensure that has a fulfilling professional experience with the Council. In addition to providing her with regular supervision and office space, we also have agreed to cover her roundtrip airfare and a modest monthly stipend for living expenses during the internship period (\$500 USD).



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Kate Wilson:
kwilson@popcouncil.org

We really look forward to having _____ on our team.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Garcia' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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