

Applications due by Monday 18 January 2026
(Interviews and decisions anticipated by mid-February 2026)

Internship Opportunity 2026

Location: Seattle area, Washington (USA); Geneva (Switzerland)

or working remotely in a time zone closely aligned to a Bridges location

Background

[Bridges to Development](http://www.bridgestodevelopment.org) (Bridges) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) working to advance opportunities for global and local communities to overcome health and development barriers. Founded in 2018, Bridges is a small team of five core staff, with offices located in the Seattle area, USA and Geneva, Switzerland. Visit our [website](http://www.bridgestodevelopment.org) to learn more about Bridges and access our [annual reports](#).

As part of our organizational values, we strive to invest in the next generation of development professionals, and our internships are an important part of that commitment. Since 2019 we have supported career-changing internships for Masters-level students or recent graduates. As in past years, Bridges is looking to support two graduate student interns in 2026 to learn through hands-on experience, contribute to our work, explore current topics facing global health and receive career mentoring and support.

We are also offering a new fellowship opportunity in 2026 for a mid-career professional looking for mentorship and more diverse experience. If you have been working in global health and wish to explore this opportunity, [please see the announcement here](#).

Time Commitment & Work Setting

The internship will begin in February and run for a minimum of six (6) months. Interns are expected to commit at least 50% time (approximately 20 hours per week) over the course of engagement. We are open to flexible scheduling to accommodate academic schedules and coursework.

Interns may be based in any location, provided they can reasonably align their working hours with Bridges team members located on the West Coast of the US or Switzerland. Interns must have a computer and reliable internet connectivity as well as access to a suitable workspace.

Focus of internship

Bridges has a strong record of leading and supporting diverse global health and development projects across low- and middle-income settings and international organizations. We are seeking interns who will fully engage as part of the Bridges team and contribute to the implementation of our ongoing and future work.

Depending on project needs, interns typically support project management with Bridges and international partners, conduct research and analysis, assist with meeting preparation and documentation, and contribute to key deliverables. Interns also gain exposure to the internal operations of an international NGO and support our fundraising and business development.

Many interns draw on their Bridges experience for their Master's thesis, and some have co-authored peer-reviewed publications. The following three examples reflect the kinds of work interns may be involved in:

- 1) Working collaboratively on an EU-funded, public-private consortium to plan for implementation of a new two-in-one medicine for intestinal worms:** The [STOP2030](#) consortium is in the late stages of developing the first new treatment for parasitic, intestinal worms in decades. In areas of poor sanitation, worm eggs are excreted in faeces and ingested by another person, particularly impacting children's growth and educational achievement. WHO estimates 1.5 billion people are infected. In the last few years, a novel formulation to treat soil-transmitted helminth (STH) infections has been evaluated in clinical trials in three countries ([STOP I AND II](#)). After successful results, STOP2030 aims to complete its clinical evaluation and assess its feasibility and acceptability, in order to prepare its future implementation. Bridges is a core member of the consortium and leads work around policy development and access planning with the World Health Organization (WHO), countries and partners.

Examples of possible intern contributions:

- a. Collaborate with researchers in Ghana and Kenya on the design and/or implementation of economic and modeling analyses informing future policy decisions and implementation
- b. Extend analyses of innovative financing models tailored to the needs of low- and middle-income countries
- c. Assess the medicine's potential utilization and impact in Asia, Americas, and Asia-Pacific

- 2) Research financing and advocacy opportunities for Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS):** [Female Genital Schistosomiasis](#) is the most neglected sexual and reproductive health issue in sub-Saharan Africa. The WHO estimates that as many as 56 million women and girls may be affected. Bridges recent work in this area has been around the development and delivery of FGS-related training to health professionals, building professional networks to connect those working in FGS, as well as global advocacy and partner collaborations through the [FGS Integration Group \(FIG\)](#).

Examples of potential intern contributions:

- a. Research funding opportunities that will allow Bridges to further advance progress against this neglected disease and assist with associated proposal development.
- b. Support broader advocacy efforts, including the creation of social media and other communication materials following the recent release of new disease burden data.
- c. Observe/participate in FIG deliberations and support follow-up actions that Bridges takes on.

- 3) Support Bridges engagement in WHO NTD Mid-term Evaluation:** Since 2020, Bridges has Chaired the WHO NTD Strategic and Technical Advisory Group's Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research (MER) Working Group. This year is a pivotal year with a planned mid-term review of progress on the WHO NTD 2021-2030 Roadmap. The Bridges team and partners will support the mid-term review and messaging on the best most effective and efficient path forward to the 2030 goals for NTDs in light of the global challenges and current context.

Examples of potential intern contributions:

- a. Support with new M&E integration tool that is being developed
- b. Supporting selected data analysis for the WHO NTD Mid-term Evaluation
- c. Support in writing or editing of documents for the evaluation and creation of social media materials related to key messages and outcomes

Stipend and legal arrangements:

A limited stipend of approximately \$400 USD per month, pro-rated based on the agreed time commitment, will be provided as a contribution towards living expenses.

Interns are solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining any required work permits, as well as health insurance, taxes, social security contributions, and any other legal or financial obligations applicable in their country or place of work.

Required skills:

- Current enrollment in (or recent graduate of) a relevant Master's level graduate degree program (those in their second year will be given preference), plus a demonstrated interest in global health, development, or economics
- Demonstrated strong research, analytic, data-management and communications skills
- Fluent in English; Fluent in French highly desirable; Spanish and Portuguese skills an asset
- Flexibility, adaptability, ability to work independently
- Service orientation, curiosity and commitment to learning
- Skills with MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel (other analytical tools desirable)
- Candidates from developing country settings will be prioritized

Application process – deadline by January 18, 2026.

Please send a cover letter and CV in an email with **Bridges Internship** in the subject line to apply@bridgestodevelopment.org. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews through Zoom. Written samples of recent research will be requested of final candidates.