



**A Human Rights and Equity-Oriented Response to the Birth Stories of Families
Impacted by Albinism in Sub-Saharan Africa:
Intersectoral Partnerships for Enhanced Health Professions' Education**

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Project Description

Mothering and Albinism is a global health research project with an international intersectoral network of researchers and advocates working together to promote and protect the human rights of persons with albinism and their families. We are working alongside civil society organizations and advocates, including the current United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond. Focusing on the experiences of families who have given birth to a baby with albinism, we are conducting a 4-year study (2022-2026) based in South Africa, Tanzania, Ghana, and Canada to improve birthing experiences through health services, health professions education, and the development equity oriented and contextually relevant educational strategies.

This project involves:

- Participatory Systematic Review
- Fieldwork with Qualitative Interviews, Focus Groups, and Participant Observation
- Knowledge Translation through creating digital stories, and policy and educational resources

To learn more about the project, please visit www.motheringandalbinism.com.

Internship Opportunities

Each year, we are welcoming students (from Africa, Canada, and England) to join our team for an internship opportunity to experience being involved in human rights oriented global research.

Role Description

As an intern, you will be an integral member of our team. Interns are asked to commit 3 hours/week for one year (or approximately 150 hours). These positions come with a stipend, with expenses covered by the *Mothering and Albinism* project.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Contribute to the albinism movement
- Develop skills and gain first-hand experience in research



- Develop collaboration and communication with various stakeholders
- Be given one-on-one mentorship and feedback
- Learn about human rights and higher education

In Year II (2024), internships focus on qualitative data collection and analysis. This will provide us insights on mothers', families', and birthing attendants' (i.e., nurses, midwives, physicians, traditional birth attendants) experiences with the birth of a baby with albinism in Africa.

Requirements

- We welcome undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in a university in Canada, Africa, or England. You must be enrolled in the duration of the internship
- Any field or discipline
- An interest in learning and engaging in research
- Clear communication style
- Demonstrated teamwork and collaboration
- Basic ability to use software such as Microsoft Office
- Please provide one reference from your university (professor/advisor)

We invite you to apply. Together, we can protect the human rights of persons with albinism and their families.

If you have any questions, please contact meghannangelie.buyco@twu.ca.

Please submit your resume/CV and application by: April 19, 2024



Internship Application

Name:

Email:

Phone:

University:

Country:

Field of Study:

Anticipated Degree:

Estimated Graduation Date:

Are you a person with albinism (optional)? Yes No

Why would you like to be an intern for this project?



What are your learning goals?

What are your experiences working on albinism, research, human rights or other global concerns, if any?

Reference Information

Reference Name:

University:

Position at the University:

Reference Email Address:

**Please submit this application and your CV/resume to meghannangelie.buyco@twu.ca.
Deadline: April 19, 2014**