KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is looking for an

**Intern (38 hours a week: 4-6 months)**

**Duty station: The Hague, The Netherlands**

**KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation**

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation (KNCV) is one of the leading international non-profit organizations dedicated to fighting tuberculosis (TB) worldwide. We are an international center of expertise for TB control that stimulates effective, efficient and sustainable tuberculosis control strategies in a national and international context. We are an organization of passionate TB professionals; including medical doctors, researchers, training experts, nurses and epidemiologists.

Over the past century we have built a wealth of knowledge and expertise, initially by successfully driving back TB in the Netherlands, and subsequently by partnering in the fight against TB in over 40 countries worldwide.
We operate from a central office in The Hague in the Netherlands and additional country offices worldwide). KNCV raises funds from individual, institutional and corporate donors.

**Background**

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is spreading globally and is an urgent increasing health problem. Although the AMR pandemic is lacking an acute moment (such as that of the current COVID-19 crisis) its impact is nonetheless enormous. Drug-resistant microorganisms account for an estimated 700,000 deaths a year globally, including 200,000 dying of drug resistant tuberculosis.

The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) by O’Neil, commissioned by the UK government and the Welcome Trust, estimated an increase to 10 million deaths each year by 2050 (2.5 M from drug resistant tuberculosis) if no action is taken now. Apart from diagnosing and treating patients with drug resistant forms of infectious diseases and the development of new antimicrobial medicines, the most important intervention to counter AMR is stewardship of the existing antimicrobials. Over the past years KNCV has built a wealth of experience in developing stewardship for TB drugs in Low and Lower Middle-Income Countries. Documenting and sharing that experience would be an important contribution to the development of a global approach to AMR, extending KNCV’s contribution to global health beyond TB.

**Purpose of the position and organizational position**

This internship will focus on reviewing and documenting KNCV’s antimicrobial resistance (AMR) stewardship work. These insights will enhance better documentation, dissemination and implementation of proven high impact interventions for the TB technical areas.
The intern is supervised by and will report to Puck Pelzer and Veriko Mirtskhulava, Task force Epidemiology and Research within the Technical division.

**Profile**

The intern is expected to:

* Develop a brief protocol to guide the review;
* Collate information from various KNCV internal documents including annual reports, technical briefs and success stories;
* Conduct additional review of the published literature;
* Contribute to preparation of a manuscript for a peer reviewed publication;
* Develop content for a website on AMR resources collected.

**Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for a BSc or MSc student from a registered college or university with the following competencies:

* A motivated student who is ambitious to learn more about TB and AMR
* A student with proven interest in infectious diseases and international public health
* Good proficiency in English language
* Knowledge and experience in reading and writing scientific papers

**What does KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation offer?**

* An internship for a period of 4-6 months;
* An informal work atmosphere in an international environment where initiative is appreciated;
* The intern will be part of a highly motivated project team of experienced, self-driven TB consultants and epidemiologists;
* In times of the COVID-19 pandemic, this internship will be supervised via online communication methods, such as TEAMS;

**Application and information**

You can apply for this position before 1 April 2021.

For more information on the internship please contact hr@kncvtbc.org. For further information on KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, please see [www.kncvtbc.org](http://www.kncvtbc.org).