

POSITION PROFILE

1. Identification	
Position Title:	Intern, Health Economics, Nutrition International
Reports to/Position Title:	Project Director, Health Economics
Date prepared:	Jan 2020
Start date:	May 2020

2. Overall Purpose/Broad Function:

The Intern, Health Economics is meant to support the research and analytics, technical assistance, program, and advocacy initiatives of the Health Economics unit within Nutrition International’s Global Technical Services division. The intern will help build strong complementary skills and assets to NI’s deep expertise in nutrition science research, innovation, design, delivery, advocacy and technical assistance. Reporting to the Project Director, Health Economics, the Intern will support the team’s internal and external research and technical support for costing, cost-effectiveness and impact modelling of NI’s key interlocking components that contribute to saving and improving lives, namely coverage, leverage and influence, from inception to publication. The Health Economics unit works in close collaboration with the Global Technical Services and Program Operations teams at NI, in addition to providing support and guidance to Regional and Country teams.

Supporting a government-driven approach to integrating nutrition programs and help countries scale-up nutrition for at-risk populations including women, adolescent girls and children under five, the Health Economics unit will also forge relationships and provide cooperative assistance and capacity-building to Ministries of Health, Finance and other international partners such as UNICEF and the WHO, to better integrate economic models that factor nutrition into local country, national and global plans, and improve their design and impact.

3. Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- 3.1 **Research and Analytics:** The Intern, Health Economics will provide analytic and research support for: a) Economic evaluations including analysis on the impact, costs, cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, and uncertainty analysis for investment cases or evaluations of nutrition interventions, policies, packages or plans; b) Research and data analysis on other areas related to the nutrition and health economics including determinants, behaviours, trends, implementation, or innovations; c) Modelling with existing analytical tools including the Lives Saved Tool (LiST), Optima Nutrition, One Health Tool, or NI’s OMNI to model the impact, cost or cost-effectiveness of programs. Examples of current research and analytical projects include a cost-effectiveness and benefit-cost analysis of weekly iron folic acid supplementation in Bangladesh with the government and research partners, and using modelling tools to support the cost-effectiveness analysis of a program proposal for donors and investors into nutrition interventions.
 - 3.2 **Knowledge translation:** The Intern will also support the Health Economics strategy in improving the knowledge translation of economic research for the achievement of NI’s research, technical, program, resource mobilization and advocacy objectives. The Intern may also have to advise other technical and program leads at Nutrition International on best practices in health economics by providing summaries of evidence, reviewing economic-related TORs and manuscripts, support the design or development of new interventions, or proposals with a health economics perspective.
 - 3.3 **Relationship Building:** The Intern will support the Project Director, Health Economics to build relationships with key academic, UN, NGO and government partners at the global and country level. You will participate in internal and external meetings with NI staff and leaders as well as external partners including government officials, NGOs, or academics and consultants.
 - 3.4 **Project management:** The Intern, Health Economics will have to manage components of analytical or research projects in coordination with the Project Director, Health Economics.
- Other duties and responsibilities may be required.**

4. Supervisory Responsibilities:

There are no direct supervision responsibilities at present, however these will be added as the team grows. Indirect supervision of and input to performance appraisal reviews of NI staff may be requested/required.

5. Education/Professional Designations/Experience:

- Graduate student or recent graduate (Masters or PhD) in health economics or economics ideally, or public health, global health, or health policy evaluation with a specialization in Health Economics
- Graduate student or recent graduate with experience in Public Financial Management or Global Health/Nutrition Financing would also be considered, though the nature of the projects may change.
- Some working experience of planning/designing, preparing proposals for, managing and conducting analytical or research work on global health, nutrition, development programs in developing countries considered an asset;
- Experience of work on international development programming in one or more developing countries; experience working in or with a focus on development in Sub Saharan Africa and/or Asia preferred;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the international development sector and its main actors, and of key issues in development. Knowledge of and experience in public health and/or nutrition in particular will be a major asset.

6. Language Skills

- Fluency in English.
- Knowledge of other languages would be an asset

7. Travel Requirements

The position does not require travel. If an opportunity to travel on the project arises, a short-term trip to Africa or Asia (<2 weeks) may be requested for field research and data collection.

8. Other Specific Skill Requirements:

- Highly organized and motivated self-starter
- Proven ability to work effectively cross culturally and with team members remotely
- Excellent interpersonal and team building skills
- Strong ability to prioritize work load and objectives
- Innovative and creative thinker and planner
- High-level logical, analytical and planning skills
- You should be a skilled user of Microsoft Office products and data analysis software such as Stata (or alternative) and TreeAge preferably.

9. Details

This is a paid internship (\$20/hr) for 4-6 months for graduate students or recent graduates, who are eligible to work in Canada, located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Please submit your application containing a 1-page letter, your CV and the names of two references to intern@nutritionintl.org by February 15, 2020.

For more information on Nutrition International, please see <https://www.nutritionintl.org/>

This job description can and will be amended as required from time to time.