



Need to develop a public health programme or project?

Offer a placement to
a well-qualified student, a
future public health manager

The objective of public health managers throughout the world is to contribute to promoting community health, safety and well-being, and to reducing social and health-related inequalities.

They need to develop various competencies in the public health field, applicable to local and international situations, including the ability to:

- analyse policies which have an impact on health,
- perform **comparative analyses** of health systems,
- contribute to public health research,
- identify and **respond with integrity to ethical issues** in various economic, political and cultural settings,
- cooperate and work in partnership to progress professional practice.

*This being the case, the EHESP School of Public Health invites you to **offer an international placement to one of its students, a future public health manager currently training for a master's or post-master's degree, for a period of between 1 and 5 months.***

This well-qualified student will enable you to develop a programme, or carry out a survey or project.

*You will benefit from hosting an EHESP student in being able to take **a fresh look at your current practices, identify possible strategic improvements and acquire knowledge of the French health system.***

Experience shows that placements of this kind provide opportunities for mutual discovery and fruitful sharing, which sometimes continue long after the placement itself has ended.

Our international mobility team and training managers are available to help in organising a placement and to answer any questions you may have.

Regine Ducos
Director, EHESP International Relations



EHESP: the only school of its kind in France

Founded by the Public Health Law of August 2004, the EHESP School of Public Health was a response to the ambition to create a major training institution in the field of public health in France.

EHESP has four main missions:

- to train senior staff working in administration, management, inspection and supervision in the health, welfare and care sectors
- to provide higher education in public health
- to contribute to research activities
- to develop international relations, in particular through exchanges with organisations serving a similar purpose in other countries

International influence and impact

EHESP's international policy has three main thrusts:

- to provide support for public health personnel in other countries: training activities and sharing of expertise
- to promote international exchanges of students, teachers and professionals
- to develop international research in public health and related publications, and to organise international symposia

Courses offering the opportunity of an international placement

Learning in the field, via a placement, is central to the training delivered at EHESP. The School also allows its students to acquire experience of this kind abroad. The courses which include such placements are:

- **Master in Public Health**
- Master in **Administration of Public Health Policies and Programmes**
- Master in **Public Health and Environmental Risk**
- Master in **Youth: Policies and Care**
- Post-Master in **Public Health**
- Post-Master in "**Environmental Health: Issues for Territory and Enterprise**" (bac+6)
- **EHESP Health Engineering Diploma** (bac+6)
- Course for **Hospital Directors**
- Course for **Directors of Health, Welfare and Care Establishments**
- Course for **Inspectors of Health Care and Welfare Programmes**

"It is in our students' interests to develop their knowledge and skills in other countries. In France, we have a very strong and highly regarded culture of public health".

(Cyrille HARPET, teacher-researcher, head of the Master in Public Health and Environmental Risk programme)

A few figures

- **90 international placements each year**
- **Around thirty host countries**
- **More than 500 organisations which have been hosts to an EHESP student**

The international placement: a great opportunity for mutual enrichment

Benefits and objectives for the host institution:

- to entrust a significant task to a well-qualified student
- to benefit from a fresh look at its practices and from support in identifying and analysing ways of making strategic improvements
- to take advantage of the EHESP student's knowledge of the French health system
- to take part in the international placements feedback forum and make quality contacts
- to be able to draw on EHESP's resources in organising study visits to France for professionals and students



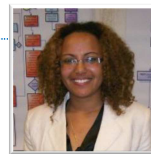
Dr Phan Kim
PHUONG,
Director of the
Heart Institute,
VIETNAM

"Receiving a student on the EHESP's course for hospital directors has enabled us to establish a Franco-Vietnamese cultural exchange. Moreover, the intern plays the part of a neutral player, coming from the outside, and provides an objective point of view to help us **improve our management practice**. His or her presence is mutually beneficial, as a hospital director in Vietnam is inevitably a doctor and therefore needs complementary training in management. The Heart Institute can bear witness to the **success of cooperation between Vietnam and France**. We are therefore always willing to cooperate with EHESP and continue this mutual exchange of experience."



Pierre Paul
MILETTE,
Director of the
Lucie Bruneau
Rehabilitation
Centre,
CANADA

"Our organisation has had opportunity to welcome two interns from EHESP. I personally supervised one of them and it was a **very profitable experience**. All the planned objectives were achieved and an outsider's point of view helped us to improve the way our organisation runs, as well as stimulating enriching discussion on the similarities and differences between our respective health systems. In addition, here in Quebec we have been experimenting for some years with a populational approach by setting up CSSS (health and social services centres), and this new way of understanding health care was similar to the HPST model being rolled out in France. Finally, this placement made me aware of the excellent quality of the interns and the teaching delivered at EHESP. I would therefore have no hesitation in **receiving another intern** here in our establishment."



Tikikel Adele
ALEMU, Head of
the UN Women's
Programme,
ETHIOPIA

"Working with the EHESP intern was a very agreeable experience for the UN Women's programme. We were very **satisfied with her personal and professional abilities** and very much appreciated her presence with us. This arrangement is a very effective way of enabling well-qualified students to put their knowledge into practice in positions where **the mutual benefits are immense**. We therefore hope to be able to continue to cooperate with the EHESP in this way and receive students who will contribute to the work of promoting gender equality and the emancipation of women in Africa."

The placement agreement: guarantee of sound management

The agreement is a contractual document making clear the student's legal status. It contains various items of information: nature and length of the placement (1 to 5 months), the organising role of a tutor, insurance, remuneration (*if appropriate*). Once the practical arrangements and objectives of the placement have been established, EHESP, host institution and student sign an agreement, which takes into account the individual aspects of each placement programme. The student is obviously strictly required to maintain confidentiality and exercise professional discretion vis-à-vis the host institution.

The role of tutor

Each student on placement is required to have a special supervisor, or "tutor", from among the staff of the host institution for the duration of his or her stay.

The tutor's job is to look after the student and, in consultation with him or her, draw up a programme in line with the objectives of the placement. The tutor is also required to facilitate the student's contacts with the institution's staff and partners and monitor his/her progress through to final assessment.

The student also has an academic tutor at EHESP, whose role is to provide pedagogical and methodological assistance throughout the placement.

A key moment in a student's career

Benefits and objectives for the student

- to gain an understanding of health care and social issues in the host country
- to gain familiarity with a new local frame of reference
- to contribute to a current research or institutional cooperation project by using his/her skills
- to develop his/her professional career and broaden his/her network of contacts
- to share experience with other professionals and put his/her knowledge into practice in a real-life situation



Armelle DEBROISE,
placement with the
Ministry of Health,
BOLIVIA.

Course for Directors
of Health, Welfare
and Care
Establishments

"For some years, following a political and societal change, Bolivia has been seeking to build a local health system that is accessible to all. This is the context in which, thanks to EHESP, I performed an internship with the Ministry of Health in La Paz. It enabled me, in my modest capacity, to participate in the work of constructing and stabilising a health system undergoing significant change. It was an exciting experience and being involved in a working situation different from our own, and immersed in another culture, has helped me to acquire and strengthen the adaptive qualities necessary for professional practice in the health, welfare and care sector."



Lucie VIGIER,
placement at the
town hall in
Ouagadougou,
BURKINA-FASO

Master in
Administration of
Public Health
Policies and
Programmes

"The main benefit of my internship was that it enabled me to strengthen some of the human skills required in professional practice. Discovering the culture of Burkina Faso and another way of organising work obliged me to develop initiative, autonomy, and powers of adaptation. Discovering different ways of being and doing in encountering a different health system enables us to consolidate our capacities where our own system and practices are concerned. I think it is vital for any student to undertake a placement abroad, the benefits are often in unexpected areas."



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