

GOARN Internship – GOARN Training Programme

Grade: Intern

Duration: minimum 3 months (6 months desired)

Primary Location: Switzerland-Geneva

Organization: HQ/WHE/EMO – Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network

Schedule: Full-time

Objectives of the programme

The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) is a global technical partnership established in 2000 by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a key mechanism to engage the resources of technical agencies beyond the United Nations for rapid identification, confirmation, risk assessment and response to major international public health emergencies. The main objective of the network is to provide technical support to WHO Member States experiencing a human health emergency due to the threat of an infectious disease outbreak, including those resulting from natural and manmade disasters. GOARN contributes towards global health security by: combating the international spread of outbreaks; ensuring that appropriate technical assistance reaches affected states rapidly; and, contributing to long-term epidemic preparedness and capacity building. Furthermore, GOARN directly strengthens coordination and collaboration for alert and response to infectious disease outbreak and public health emergencies via the deployment of experts, materials and provision of technical guidance when requested by WHO.

Throughout 2014-15 the GOARN Steering Committee training workgroup collected materials on best training practices from partner institutions and established a training network of over 20 partners and individuals that have offered their expertise to develop a high quality, adapted training program for response to outbreaks and humanitarian crises. The GOARN Training Working Group (TWG) is committed to working closely with the public health and humanitarian emergencies community to ensure an interoperable multi-disciplinary capacity that is well prepared to international standards and proposed the development of a related multi-faceted and multi-layered training package for GOARN partners as follows:

- Tier 1: Basic Entry-level: Series of online self-directed courses, available to all GOARN partners.
- Tier 2: Intermediate-level: Face-to-face outbreak response scenario training, available to select GOARN member applicants, subject to application, interview and successful completion of all tier 1 basic entry-level courses marked as mandatory.
- Tier 3: Advanced-level: Blended online and face-to-face opportunities for leadership and coordination skills strengthening, as well as advanced technical trainings, available to select GOARN member applicants.

Learning objectives of the internship

The purpose of this internship is to support the GOARN Operational Support team and GOARN Training Network in the development and implementation of the GOARN Training Programme.

The GOARN OST reporting officer is committed to providing the intern with the training, guidance and support necessary to complete the duties and responsibilities outlined below. This will include, and not be limited to, regular meetings to assess output progress, technical training for IT systems, training and learning platforms, and the completion of any final reports required to meet the demands of the university recognised internship (if applicable).

This internship will:

- Enhance the educational experience of the incumbent through engagement with GOARN, and practical and guided hands-on involvement in the ongoing collaborative development and implementation of the GOARN Training Programme;
- Provide the incumbent with exposure to a dynamic and challenging working environment of a multilateral organisation and a better understanding of GOARN and its activities;
- Orient the incumbent to the working environment of WHO, the Health Emergencies Programme and the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the GOARN Training Coordinator, the intern is expected to perform the following tasks:

- Liaise with partners of the GOARN Training Network for the collaborative development and implementation of relevant training materials and courses;
- Undertake research and consultations with Partners to inform needs-based prioritisation of new and/or revised courses;
- Support the building, management and administration of the GOARN Learning Management System;
- Directly support the development of new materials and courses, where applicable;
- Support the organisation of workshops, conferences and trainings where applicable.
- Support other areas of work of the GOARN Operational support team, as needed.