

IIP 2015: Salud por
Derecho – Right
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Right to health foundation

Madrid, Spain

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Type of work:

- In-depth research of existing global health literature in regards to dimensions covered in the checklist for Best Practices in Biomedical R&D
- Monitoring global health news and developments
- Creating a brochure for international screenings of the organization's documentary that exposes the corruption and problems behind medical research
- Uploading and updating information about potential donors on Salesforce
- Researching and creating files about potential trusts and funding bodies
- Conducting interviews with global health experts



My colleagues and I at the office



Most rewarding aspects of my work experience



- Being treated as a permanent member of the organization and having my input and work be valued and utilized
- Being able to sit in on meetings with members of other global health organizations in Madrid
- Seeking out global health experts and then having the opportunity to interview them as a representative of the organization
- Designing a brochure for the organization's documentary's premiere with the other Princeton student

A page of the brochure I designed with the other Princeton intern

MEDICAL RESEARCH: HOUSTON WE HAVE A PROBLEM
THE DOCUMENTARY THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE

SYNOPSIS
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The truth is uncomfortable for those who try to hide it. This is why Medical Research: Houston, we have a problem is a documentary they don't want you to see. This documentary presents a chorus of voices sounding the alarm on a broken medical innovation model that puts corporate interests above people's needs. Through interviews with health experts and opinion leaders from around the world, we unearthed startling truths about the medical innovation system on which we all depend. The biomedical innovation system has become more and more costly yet less productive. And the impact on our health is appalling: access to medicine is put in jeopardy, either because drugs or treatments do not exist or because patients and national health systems cannot afford such high costs. This issue is no longer limited to impoverished countries or neglected diseases. The problem is global and affects all of us. Increasingly scientists, doctors, patients, and government officials are calling for a reexamination of our systems of drug research, development, and delivery. Luckily, solutions exist to start addressing these problems. Find out how we can rebuild an innovation system based on local and global health needs where public interest is safeguarded.

OBJECTIVES
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With this initiative, Salud por Derecho aims to raise awareness and engage society in addressing a reality that affects us all: the flaws of the current medical R&D system.

For further information, visit our website (www.saludporderecho.org), find us on Facebook (<https://es-la.facebook.com/saludporderecho>), Twitter (@Saludporderecho) or send us an email

WHO WE ARE
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Salud por Derecho - Right to Health Foundation, is a human rights organization dedicated to globally defending the right to health through political dialogue and the mobilization of society. Salud por Derecho is a non-profit, non-confessional, independent foundation, unaffiliated with any public or private entity, institution or political party. Our main objectives are:

1. promoting more and better health R&D in an innovation system that is need-driven and that ensures access to biomedical products
2. contributing to achieving universal access to prevention, treatment and care for HIV/AIDS
3. promoting the creation of a global social health protection framework that ensures that all people have access to quality basic health services.

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How my work impacted the organization:

- I offered *a fresh and different* perspective as an American, pre-med university student because this organization is comprised of Europeans not interested in *practicing* medicine
- I *helped lighten the load* of research and “prep” that is vital for the success of the organization’s ongoing projects



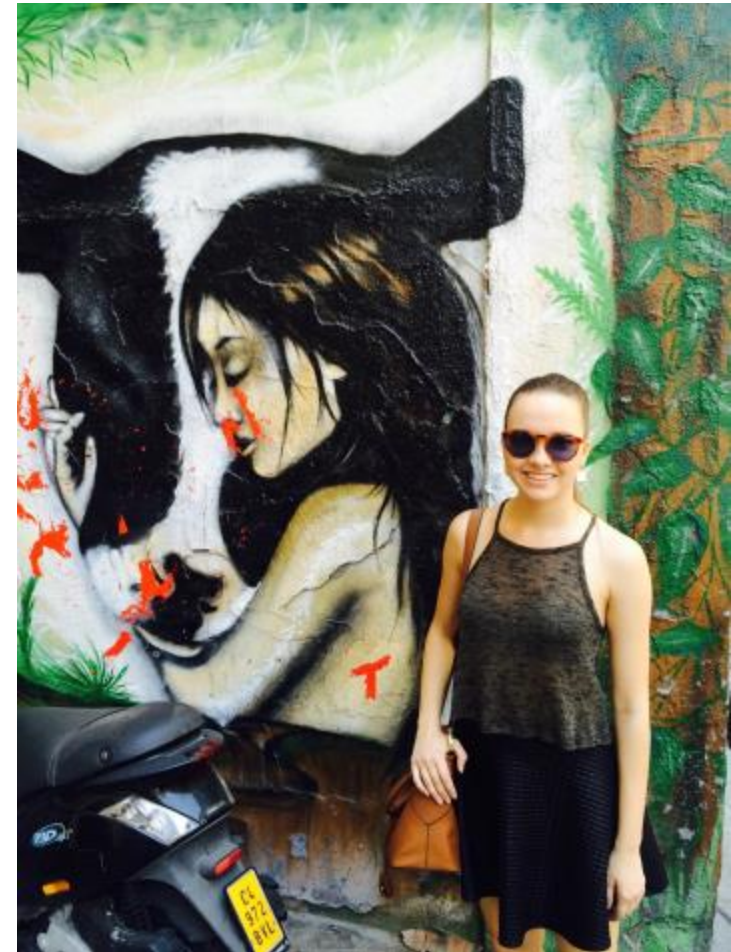
How my experience impacted my academic path:



- I *learned* an immense amount of information about various global health issues such as R&D funding, access to medicines, transparency, open access, etc.
- I *am inspired to continue* learning about these topics and to get involved in related projects
- I will include the topics I learned about this summer in my *senior thesis*
- I realized that *as a future doctor, it is important for me to be educated about the various issues the organization focuses on*
- I made incredibly useful *connections* for my career in the field of medicine

Interning and living abroad:

- Makes you step out of your *comfort zone*
- Working and living abroad = better *language practice* than in any classroom
- You become aware of another culture and customs and that makes you a more *open-minded* and *tolerant* individual
- Living abroad makes you more *independent* and *mature*



A rewarding internship experience and life in my favorite city in the world, Madrid, made the summer of 2015 the best one yet!









