



ICAP Launches New International Training Program Launched for Columbia University Students

Columbia University students are gaining practical knowledge and experience in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment in Africa through a new educational and training program recently launched by the Mailman School's International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Program (ICAP).

Approximately 20 students from Columbia University Medical Center schools and other graduate programs have been selected to take part in the program. Students will work with in-country teams or at ICAP's New York headquarters where they will develop projects with mentors who will supervise them during training periods.

Fourth-year medical students Jason Sulkowski and Edward Requenez, the first students to begin their training experiences, joined the ICAP-Tanzania team in late March. They are working in the country's Kigoma Region where they will learn as well as contribute to ICAP's ongoing work.

"I'm delighted to have such talented students join our team," said ICAP-Tanzania Country Director Amy Cunningham. "I am confident their experiences will enrich their educational and professional development."

Added ICAP's Jessica Justman, MD, who is overseeing this program, "Experiences such as these can transform lives and inspire students to pursue careers in international health."

ICAP received more than 90 applications for the limited number of training positions in 2008. To learn more about the student opportunities program, visit <http://www.columbia-icap.org/students/index.html>.