

Access Challenge | One by One: Target 2030 African Political Campaign Internship

Areas of Focus: African Health Policy, Behavioral Change, Social Justice, Climate Action

Job Function: Policy Research, Political Strategy, Political Advocacy

The Access Challenge is a New York-based organization committed to advancing Universal Health Access across Africa, supporting WHO's and UN's goal of achieving universal health access by 2030. We partner with political and cultural leaders to build African-centered mass-media campaigns and strategic advocacy programs to influence health policy in Africa. We seek to influence policy to enable a world where the next generation of global citizens, our children, have equal access to the opportunities and services they need to thrive. This access will be universal and will not be dictated by where a child is born, or their economic status. Our dedicated team works strategically alongside leaders and influencers at the country, continental, and international level. By leveraging the power of the media to reach millions with life saving messages, we inspire multi-sectoral action in the fight to reduce child mortality, secure a healthy environment, cultivate global development partnerships, and unlock resources in the public and private sectors. We strive to encourage a culture of collaboration and cooperation within the public health sector.

Political Campaign Intern:

The Access Challenge seeks an experienced student pursuing political science, international relations, global development, African Studies, and/or public health. The student will assist the Political Strategy Director and team to develop and expand our high level campaign working to provide universal healthcare throughout Africa by 2030 following WHO Director-General's call for Health for All. The campaign, One by One: Target 2030, operates on three levels: global convenings (UNGA, WHA, AU Summits, Regional Meetings), political advocacy (Head of State mobilization, leader-to-leader discussions, AU policy resolutions), and mass media campaigns (public influencers, musicians & sports celebrities) in Africa.

Applicants must be motivated, proactive, enthusiastic and eager to work in a team environment and able to multitask to make change happen. This is a unique opportunity for a motivated undergraduate/graduate student to join a dynamic and innovative staff. The candidate must have proven interest in international relations, public health and policy, African development, social justice/environmental justice, global health, civic empowerment, climate change, and other related areas of focus. This individual should be eager to think outside of the box to leverage the position as an NYC-based organization engaging both the international global health community, as well as African leaders and community health workers in order to create change in global health.



What are the benefits of the Access Challenge Internship Program?

- An opportunity to work day to day with campaign staff who are passionate about engaging actors from across the climate and health sectors to advance an inclusive Universal Health Coverage agenda in Africa.
- Receive first hand experience developing a comprehensive communications strategy for a burgeoning international political health campaign.
- Strengthen your understanding of African politics, and behavioral change messaging through mass media platforms. Build skills in story-telling across multiple types of platforms.
- Intern closely with staff and be exposed to the process of implementing project pipelines and coordinating with multiple teams across the organization.

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Support for One By One: Target 2030 Campaign

- Provide support for the strategy and execution of the short term and long term campaign goals
- Help conduct research on and cultivate relationships with prospective campaign partners
- Assist in the planning of High-Level political advocacy events
- Support for One By One: Target COVID-19 Campaign

• Support for political advocacy efforts

- Assist in drafting of health resolutions and declarations for AU, UN, and WHO meetings
- Assist in drafting country specific policy recommendations/letters to advance UHC in Africa
- Research on-going health system progress in Africa
- Assist with arranging political & governmental meetings and/or discussions
- Grant and proposal writing
- Stakeholder Research

Skills Required

- Excellent written and oral communications
- Research, communicate and manage complex connections
- Excellent collaboration and brainstorming skills
- Must be able to analyze and distill a focused message from multiple sources and perspectives
- Excellent interpersonal skills and team work experience



Internship Details

Duration: late May/early June to late August (flexible), 15 hr/week minimum

Compensation: This internship is unpaid, our team will work with your university to award you credit for your experience.

Learn more about **Access Challenge** at <u>accesschallenge.org</u> and the **One By One Campaign** <u>onebyone2030.org</u>.

Application Requirements

If interested, please send the following documents to cordelia.kwon@accesschallenge.org

- Cover Letter
- Writing Sample
- Resume