The summer internship In Buyobo, Uganda will be virtual in 2022

WMI is a non-profit microfinance organization providing small loans and business training to impoverished women in East Africa so that they can start businesses. The women use their profits to improve their household living standards. All WMI loan hubs are managed by local women whom WMI trains to run the loan program.

WMI has available positions for three summer interns who are currently college students.

Internship dates: Approximately May 15 – August 1, 2021

Location: Virtual

Interns are primarily responsible for reviewing and compiling data from surveys completed by borrowers in the loan program, analyzing the data, and creating an annual Fact Book that documents the impact of the loan program. Interns also create a video from original footage for the WMI web site to update supporters on some aspect of loan program operations. Additionally, interns may prepare summaries of borrowers’ business activities and biographies of borrowers. Fact Books prepared by prior interns can be viewed on the WMI web site: wmionline.org. https://wmionline.org/documents/reports/WMI-2021-Factbook.pdf

Typically, the survey information, interviews and video footage are compiled by interns living in Buyobo for the summer but due to pandemic concerns it will compiled by local staff and transmitted to interns working virtually from their homes.

Interns work on group projects and must communicate well and work cooperatively. They handle substantive projects and must be organized, insightful and responsible. Interns must be comfortable using Excel. Interns will not receive any compensation for participating in the internship program.

Our data is all original data collected in the field. The ongoing publication of program results on the WMI web site contributes to the body of literature measuring the impact of access to financial service on the poor. Interns agree to treat all documents, files, and information obtained from WMI as the exclusive, proprietary property of WMI. Interns agree not make any such materials available to any person or organization except as approved in writing by WMI.

The WMI program works with women who live in extreme poverty and the data WMI handles is very personal. Interns will be sensitive to the nature of the information and files WMI maintains and will respect the privacy and confidentiality of WMI’s borrowers. Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to: wmionline.org. Additional information about the internship can be viewed on our web site at: wmionline.org.