

harvard
Undergraduate
maternal
health
initiative

interest packet & application

what is HUMHI?

The purpose of the Harvard Undergraduate Maternal Health Initiative (HUMHI) is to create opportunities to inform the undergraduate community about the global and domestic causes and consequences of maternal mortality and maternal morbidity, advocate for maternal health initiatives, and to begin to inspire creative solutions through research and advocacy. Maternal morbidity in particular, is a widespread problem that has been seriously neglected and not accurately reported on and this group could help to play an important role in raising awareness about a neglected area of maternal health.

HUMHI members will keep the Harvard undergraduate community informed about the impact of maternal mortality on the global community and our own community in addition to raising awareness about current initiatives to increase maternal health. This will be done through movie screenings, open forum discussions, panel events, and hosting dinners with professors, researchers and experts from the field. In addition to campus awareness initiatives, this organization will also be a unique platform to engage undergraduates by mobilizing students in women's health rights policy research and advocacy.

The organization will act as a catalyst to inspire creative solutions to global and domestic maternal health-care problems from undergraduates as they work with our expert mentors in both the medical, public health, business, non-profit, social entrepreneurship sectors.

application checklist



Complete the essay, project proposal, skills and job top choices in this application in a word document (SEE FORMAT below) and email to contact.humhi@gmail.com by **Sunday, Sep 15th at midnight.**



Meet the Board! We'd like to meet you in person and talk to you about the ideas, skills you have on your application to best gauge where you can shine the brightest in the organization! We will have optional office hours where you can ask questions and learn more!



Application Complete

We will email you with our decision by **Tuesday, Sep 24th at midnight.**

format checklist



Word Document (Microsoft Word) or PDF



Font: Helvetica, Size: 11, Spacing: 1.5, Margins: 1"



Page One: Cover Page

- "HUMHI Application"
- Name
- Email Address (@college and alternate)
- Phone Number
- Concentration, Class



Page Two: Essay "Passions"



Page Three: "Skills"



Page Four: Project Proposal



Page Five: Resumé



Page Six: Team Top Choices

essay

What are your passions? (250-500 words-- please no more!) Why are you interested in working with HUMHI? Please draw upon anything you find relevant: about past social entrepreneurial work, courses taken, volunteer work, mentors, personal anecdotes, etc...

skills

What are you great at? Brag about yourself here! We are looking for maternal health experts, global health experts, graphic designers, grant writers, social media gurus, event planners, fundraiser extraordinaire, project planners, web coding pros, budgeting and finance experts, management wizards, think tanks, etc...

We are looking for design and PR experts so please note experience in: InDesign, Adobe Suite, Javascript, CSS, HTML, Salesforce, Excel, Social Media (Facebook or Twitter, etc... experience for student organization, nonprofit, fundraised X amount for Y
Also, include qualitative qualifications, for example: ability to learn new skills, work in small groups, lead projects, communication skills, etc...

project idea

We'd like to hear about your ideas about a potential project! What is a sustainable and creative idea to counter maternal morbidity and maternal mortality issues that students can pursue? Ex. birth kits, maternity classes, medical literacy classes, doctor training, etc...Don't worry if you can't come up with a completely unique idea--but try to think about how to put a creative spin on solutions that currently exist! (In total 250-500 words)

- 1) Brief Summary of Idea & Its Impact
- 2) Localized or Universal Solution? (If localized, what area has what specific issue?)
- 3) Potential NGO/organization partners
- 4) How can we as students take action? Describe a brief plan of action!

resumé

Please keep it to one page. We will not read beyond one page.

Be sure to include: *Education (and relevant coursework), Work & Volunteer Experience, Leadership Experience*. Please attach any additional components portfolio (design, media, etc...) in the email to contact.humhi@gmail.com.

top choices

Please list which specific teams you would like to be an associate for!

You can list either

- 1) Research & Development
- 2) Public Relations & HR
- 3) Fundraising/Events & Finance

1.

2.

3.