INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES, MUMBAI



PLACEMENT CELL PRESENTS

PLACEMENT REPORT THE ANTARA FOUNDATION 2025





The Antara Foundation works along two closely integrated paths: to help the government system deliver better quality health care at scale and build agency and community awareness to seek better health services.

About the Fellowship:

The Antara Foundation Fellowship is one of the most rigorous and experiential Fellowship programs in the development sector. This 12-month program attracts some of India's brightest young professionals. Based on an experiential learning pedagogy, TAF's Fellowship encourages fellows to engage with previous experience and incorporate it into new observations, which enables them to experiment. This is a unique and immersive experience to work at the grassroots and help improve maternal and child health in rural India

What should you expect as a TAF Fellow?

- You will be placed in one of our eight districts in Madhya Pradesh-Barwani, Betul, Chhindwara, Damoh, Gwalior, Khargone, Morena, and Seoni.
- You will plan and implement TAF's interventions at the block and sector levels.
- You will be liaising with Government officials and interacting with frontline healthcare workers and the diverse communities they serve.
- You will support the monitoring and evaluation of TAF's work on the field, capturing the impact of TAF's program interventions.
- You will engage in communications activities, such as case studies, films, etc., to showcase TAF's work on the ground.





Project Opportunities: In alignment with the Antara Foundation Fellowship, a set of small projects have been identified that provide fellows with hands-on experience and the opportunity to make a tangible impact in the field of maternal and child health. These opportunities are diverse and include roles in Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Communications, and various fieldwork-related positions.

1. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

- Fellows have the chance to contribute to the assessment and improvement of ongoing programs related to maternal and child health.
- Responsibilities may include data collection, analysis, and reporting on key health indicators.
- M&E positions provide a valuable opportunity for fellows to understand the impact of interventions at the grassroots level.

2. Communications:

- Fellows can take up roles in communications to amplify the impact of initiatives and share success stories.
- Tasks may include creating content, managing social media channels, and engaging with local communities to raise awareness about maternal and child health issues.

3. Fieldwork Positions:

- Various fieldwork opportunities are available for fellows to directly engage with communities and implement health initiatives.
- Roles may involve conducting health awareness campaigns, organizing community events, and collaborating with local healthcare providers.

The Pre Placement talk by TAF was conducted on 16.01.2025 regarding the job
 opportunities, application process followed by the question-answer session .

The application process includes three rounds of evaluation:

1. First Round - Based on Assignment

Applicants will be given a specific task related to the project area to assess their practical skills and problem-solving abilities.

- The assignment is divided into 4 sections- Section A, B, C and D.
- Section A, B and C comprises of 2 subjective questions each, out of which you need to answer any one from each section in not more than 200 words.
- Section D comprises of 20 MCQs which are all mandatory.
- There is NO negative marking.

In total 30 students appeared for the assessment from both the master's programme. Out of which, 30 students were shortlisted for the next round.

2. Second Round - Group Discussion (GD)

Successful candidates from the assignment round will participate in a group discussion to evaluate their teamwork and communication skills. After 2nd round, 5 students were selected for the final interview round.

3. Third Round - Personal Interview with PI

The final round involves a one-on-one interview with the Program Instructor (PI) to assess the candidate's motivation, commitment, and alignment with the fellowship's values. Finally, two students got selected for The Antara Foundation Fellowship Program.

CONCLUSION

The session was open to all the students of the institute. It was attended by 20 students from the MBD and MA/MSc population studies of both the 1st and 2nd year. The Antara Foundation Fellowship stands as a beacon in the development sector, providing a transformative experience for young professionals committed to making a difference. The blend of experiential learning, grassroots immersion, and leadership development creates a holistic approach that prepares fellows to address the complex challenges in improving maternal and child health in rural India. The diverse positions offer a unique platform for fellows to become empathetic leaders, driving innovation and making meaningful contributions to the community.