

Review of: "Public Health Student Internship: An Opportunity to Explore System, Self, and Society"

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The article is interesting and of interest to Public Health academia and research. While the authors emphasize on the importance of first hand field based community experience through internship, there are many logistic challenges that act as a barrier. Some challenges include linguistic and cultural apart from the gender, class and caste intersections especially in rural areas. In case the students are able to go the extra-mile to immerse and internalize these experiences and document the same, they no doubt stand to "gain" from their internship. Now, under the National Education Policy (India, 2020) internships are mandatory and the students have to tick this category in their syllabus to complete the course. A reference to this NEP is needed. Additionally, not all students (say in a batch of 40-50) can have such experience and the faculty members of host institution are compelled to provide alternative options towards fulfilling student internship. The essay can include strengths and limitations as Public health encompasses many disciplines and has multiple dimensions. As all student internship experiences are unique, there seems to be a need for a common platform for sharing and learning.