



Job Title: Intern to the Special Interest Group (SIG) on *Cancer in Conflict Zones and Emergency Settings*

Organisation: African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC)
<https://aortic-africa.org/>

Location: Remote / Flexible (candidates based in Africa preferred)

Duration: 6 months

Commitment: 15–20 hours/week

Remuneration: Volunteer (unpaid) role

Start date: 1st of October, or as soon after as possible

About AORTIC

AORTIC is the only pan-African cancer organisation dedicated to a future where all Africans have access to quality cancer care. We work to transform cancer control across the continent through collaborative education, research, and training — advancing equitable, timely, and quality prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship care.

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers to improve oncology outcomes and address systemic inequities in African health systems. The SIG on Cancer Management in Conflict Zones and Emergency Settings focuses on the distinct challenges faced by people who live in conflict zones and emergency setting, refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrant populations living with cancer across Africa, including the impact of climate change. Its immediate aims are to (i) drive political attention to the cancer burden among these populations, and (ii) strengthen local, national, and regional capacity for cancer control in emergency settings through knowledge generation, workforce development, and partnerships.

Role Overview

We are seeking two motivated, analytical, and culturally adept interns to support the SIG for a 6-month volunteer term, with potential extension to 12 months by mutual agreement. You will report directly to the SIG co-chairs — Dr. Nazik Hammad (Division of Haematology and Oncology, St. Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto) and Dr. Imran Ahmed (Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism) — and work alongside expert SIG members and AORTIC's leadership team to advance research, policy, and advocacy.

The internship centres on helping the members of the SIG bridge the oncology research and humanitarian sectors: drafting impact reports and case studies, coordinating academic publications, and supporting their engagement with key global and regional bodies and other humanitarian organisations operating on the continent.

Key Responsibilities

- **Research and Writing:** Support literature reviews, regional health data analysis, and drafting of reports, policy briefs, and manuscripts.
- **Stakeholder & Humanitarian Liaison:** Support outreach to regional / international partners, including WHO AFRO, UNHCR, African Union, and humanitarian NGOs.
- **Meeting Coordination:** Prepare agendas, briefing notes, and presentations for meetings with external partners; track action items and follow-ups.
- **Knowledge Management:** Track data, epidemiological trends, and policy developments on cancer care in low-resource and conflict-affected settings, keeping the SIG's resources current.
- **Administrative Support:** Provide logistical support for SIG webinars, roundtables, and panels at pan-African health forums.

Qualifications and Experience

- **Education:** Current undergraduates studying in this field, postgraduate student (Master's or PhD) or recent graduate in Public Health, Global Health, International Relations, Epidemiology, Public Policy.
- **Knowledge Base:** Strong interest in global oncology and the intersection of health equity and cancer management in conflict and humanitarian settings in Africa.
- **Communication:** Excellent written and verbal English, with the ability to translate complex health data into clear reports and policy papers. Professional working proficiency in French or Portuguese is a plus.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** Culturally sensitive, with the diplomacy to engage high-level stakeholders, international agencies, and clinicians across diverse settings.
- **Technical Skills:** Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and reference management tools (e.g., Mendeley, EndNote, Zotero).

What We Offer

- **Mentorship:** Direct guidance from pan-African oncologists and global health experts.
- **Networking:** Exposure to international health systems and multilateral organisations.
- **Professional Development:** Opportunities to attend, in person or virtually, pan-African health and oncology conferences.
- **Impact:** Contribute to reports that shape health policy and resource allocation for vulnerable populations across Africa.
- **Flexibility:** Work structured around your academic or personal commitments.

Application

Please send your letter of motivation and short CV to Dr Hammad by email: nazhammad2619@gmail.com.