



Dedicated to eliminating the barriers to global access to affordable life-sustaining medicines for people living with HIV/AIDS

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Coordinator of Access to Medicines Campaign, Health GAP (Global Access Project) Job Description

Health GAP, a leading international advocacy organization comprised of AIDS, trade, and human rights activists, is seeking a Coordinator of Access to Medicines Campaign. For more information about Health GAP and our current campaigns, please refer to www.healthgap.org

Health GAP has staff in NYC, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, Kampala, Uganda and Nairobi, Kenya. Health GAP is the sponsor of the Student Global AIDS Campaign.

Health GAP's Access to Medicines Campaign is at the heart of the organization. Health GAP was formed to address the issue of people in the poorest parts of the world being unable to obtain lifesaving medication because of pharmaceutical greed.

The primary objective of the Coordinator of Access to Medicines Campaigns is to devise and win new or reformed government policies, domestically in the U.S. and internationally within multilateral institutions and in low- and middle-income countries, that will greatly facilitate and support the number of people receiving access to affordable, good quality HIV/AIDS treatment worldwide. The policy work will focus on addressing intellectual property, trade, and regulatory barriers to generic and competition and to the introduction of new better quality AIDS medicines and diagnostics. The policy work will also focus on financing mechanisms for HIV treatment that increase access to lifesaving medications.

The Access to Medicines Campaign Coordinator's principal responsibilities include:

- Helping translate direct action and creative grassroots pressure into political power to forward the urgency of HIV treatment scale up;
- Working with the Directors to develop and direct ongoing and new policy and campaign initiatives focusing on the intersection of intellectual property/trade policy and access to medicines, including policy recommendations, policy analysis, draft legislation, and supportive materials, and coordinating overall and day-to-day campaign strategies relating to US government policies;
- Tracking legislation affecting trade and access to medicines;
- Forming and strengthening relations with relevant policy makers in all branches of government.
- Representing Health GAP with several diverse coalitions of allies at national and grassroots levels in support of Health GAP's Access to Medicines campaign priorities;
- Maintaining expertise and knowledge about pending trade agreements (such as the Trans Pacific Partnership and other bilateral and regional trade agreements), drug pricing issues, nonprofit and quasi governmental organizations and initiatives that seek to limit the prices of medicines (such as CHAI, UNITAID and Medicines Patent Pool);
- Building and maintaining relationships with the coalition of international activists working on intellectual property, trade, and access to medicines issues and coordinating support for campaigns in low- and middle-income countries and in international and multilateral institutions to reform IP laws and to increase adoption and use of TRIPS and other IP flexibilities, to address regulatory barriers, and to speed up access to more affordable medicines.

- Educating Health GAP's grassroots membership of people living with HIV/AIDS and students about pressing issues related to intellectual property, trade, and access to medicines.
- Assisting with mobilizing Health GAP's grassroots to take action to increase access to medicines.

Organizational responsibilities include:

- Contributing to overall advocacy strategy and campaign development;
- Attending biweekly conference calls and working group meetings, and quarterly strategy retreats;
- Regularly educate decision makers and grassroots activists about policy issues and the campaign;
- Submitting monthly workplans and reports and attending weekly staff calls, monthly in-person staff meetings and quarterly organizational retreats;
- Assisting with communications efforts, including action alerts and mobilization efforts;
- Assisting with fundraising efforts and helping to represent Health GAP's Access to Medicines campaign to stakeholders.

Qualifications for a Successful Candidate

A proven track record of a commitment to global social justice is our paramount requirement for the position. We deeply value lived, personal experiences that will contribute to our organization's culture. In addition, it is expected that the candidate would have existing relationships with some key stakeholders in the Global AIDS movement and would be knowledgeable about some aspects of our campaign work. We seek candidates that support and embrace our "inside/outside" strategy and our commitment to direct action organizing and advocacy.

Health GAP is unique in that each of the staff work from home and the organization structure is relatively non-hierarchical. However, we are seeking a candidate based primarily in Washington, DC or the immediate environs. Health GAP offers full health insurance, including basic dental and vision and three weeks vacation. Significant domestic and international travel may be required. Successful candidates will have the ability to work independently and with a virtual team. The Coordinator will report directly to the Director of Global Campaigns and the Managing Director but is a full voting member of our steering committee.

Salary

Health GAP is committed to our principle of pay equity among staff. Salary for this position is \$32,000 (equal to all coordinator/organizers).

How to Apply

Health GAP is deeply committed to fostering and affirming an inclusive, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment for its staff, and core members. Applicants are requested to include in the cover letter a description of how they will assist **Health GAP** in creating this environment and to write about their commitment to global justice.

People of color, people living with HIV/AIDS and immigrants from the global south are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Please send resume and cover letter to jflynn@healthgap.org immediately.

Candidates will receive an email confirmation that their application was received. If you do not receive this **confirmation**, please resend.

Informational phone calls are welcomed and encouraged. Please direct your questions to Jennifer Flynn, Managing Director at (212) 537-0575 x 3.

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