



Interns

Interns at K2P

The Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center values the role of students and interns at K2P and welcomes the opportunity to allow them to contribute to the complex field of evidence based policymaking.

Required Documents

We welcome interns from national, regional and international academic and professional backgrounds and encourage applications from graduate level students.

- An updated CV
- A synopsis up to one page long about one or more topics that you would like to pursue during your time at K2P

Topic Selection

Topics considered by K2P go through a priority setting protocol based on the following criteria:

1. Is the topic important?
 1. Has the topic already been recognized as a policy challenge?
2. Has the topic already been integrated in the policy cycle?

K2P Center: WHO collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center as a WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice.

This designation, which is effective for a period of four years, is unique, since the K2P Center is the only WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice in Lebanon and the region, and is the second WHO Collaborating Center of this kind globally after McMaster Health Forum in Canada.

To achieve assigned activities, K2P collaborates with the Center for Systematic Reviews on Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK) which is a joint initiative between the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Clinical Epidemiology Unit (CEU) and the Grade Center at the Faculty of Medicine.

SPARK supports the work plan of the newly designated WHO Collaborating Center by producing evidence synthesis products from systematic reviews, to rapid reviews, guidelines, and guidance documents.

3. Is there public interest on the topic?
4. Is there sufficient local evidence?
5. Are viable options available to address the topic?
6. Is there an opportunity for change?
7. Is there important uncertainty about the topic and potential solutions?
8. Is relevant research evidence available?
9. Is there interest in informed deliberation about the problem and potential solutions?
10. Does the topic have a national and regional relevance?
11. Is the topic being researched by faculty members from the Faculty of Health Sciences and other faculties at the American University of Beirut?
12. Is it feasible for the centre to track outputs, outcomes and impacts of the use of evidence into policy?
13. Long term vs. short term wins
14. Is the topic clear and well defined?

Products developed by K2P

K2P
Policy
Brief

K2P
Briefing
Note

K2P
Rapid
Response

K2P
Dialogue
Summary

K2P
Evidence
Summary

K2P
Media
Bite

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American University of Beirut

Your time at K2P

During your stay, you will:

- Work with experienced scholars and researchers in the field of evidence informed policy
- Receive training in how to access and search scholarly databases
- Receive a sponsored net account which will allow you to access all electronic databases that to which we subscribe
- Develop search strategies pertaining to your topic
- Develop problem statements
- Write an outline for a policy product
- Conduct litmus testing
- Develop a K2P Product
- Based on the type of product, prepare for and conduct a policy dialogue

For any questions or inquiries, please feel free to contact us on k2p@aub.edu.lb

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K2P regularly involves students from AUB and other universities in Lebanon and the region in its activities. K2P aims to engage and acquaint students with pressing health system priorities, exercise their skills, build professional development and networking.

Since 2014, K2P has hosted three practicum students and two interns.

*One of the practicum students, Ms. Fatima Moussawi, won a [Best Poster presentation at her Culminating Experience](#) for her K2P Briefing Note on "Improving Rates of Unnecessary Cesarean Sections in Lebanon." Another student, Ms. Rana Saleh, submitted an abstract pertaining to her project on Promoting Effective School Policies for Preventing Childhood Obesity to the Health Systems Global Symposium in 2016 which was accepted for **Poster Presentation**. Ms. Clara Abou Samra utilized her experience in nursing to develop a project entitled Promoting Healthy Ageing through Health System Strengthening. This project has generated much attention given that this is a pressing public health issue in Lebanon.*

Knowledge to Policy Center draws on an unparalleled breadth of synthesized evidence and context-specific knowledge to impact policy agendas and action. K2P does not restrict itself to research evidence but draws on and integrates multiple types and levels of knowledge to inform policy including grey literature, opinions and expertise of stakeholders.

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