

Mali Intern Meetings
(Preparation for becoming an Extern)
CHECKLIST

- Identify of 4 individual research areas that respond to Malian village leaders, to the village school, and here on campus.
- Meet formally and informally with Malian scientists/professors by phone and skype.
- Practice village protocol.
- Read background basic material, peer-refereed journal articles and previous externs' and interns' research reports.
- View all Mali project videos (*Dancing Across the Gap, Junior Mentors Synergize Partnerships, Africa Unchained, A Visit to Sanambebe, Mali*).
- Draft the individual research proposal.
- Present written summary to Malian leaders in Mali.
- Meet with review committee on your US campus.
- Officially become an extern (be accepted by the on-campus committee via formal application process. Funding is obtained competitively through the MSU Undergraduate Scholars Program).
- Role play the holistic process with national workshop team.
- Learn required basics in Bambara with national workshop team.
- Develop a time-based work plan for research.
- Develop activities that involve the participatory process, including a questionnaire and a participatory diagramming activity, exactly for the individual research project.
- Review previous final reports and trip reports.
- Learn about and practice participatory process in village.
- Practice chosen participatory processes for assessment.