The Emory Global Health Institute – China Tobacco Control Partnership (GHI–CTP) is a program funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA. The goal of the GHI–CTP is to reduce the health, social, environmental and economic burdens of tobacco use by increasing capacity in China to develop and implement effective, accountable, and sustainable tobacco prevention and control initiatives.

The GHI–CTP Tobacco Free Cities program (TFC) provides funds to 17 cities to build sustainable, comprehensive city level tobacco control programs focusing on protecting non-smoker from exposure to second hand smoke, preventing the initiation of smoking and promoting cessation among current smokers.

The GHI–CTP Graduate Student Internship Program was initiated in 2011 to provide graduate students with a unique in-country global health experience and the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in global public health and tobacco control. Through a competitive application process, nine students were selected based on their qualifications, knowledge and skills to participate in the 8 weeks GHI–CTP internship program in 2011.

Intern Perceptions Tobacco Control in China

Challenges
- Low level of government support for tobacco control
- Absence of strong tobacco control policies, coupled with low level of enforcement
- Social norms that support tobacco use among males

Opportunities
- Enhance government support
- Build on popular support to implement and enforce tobacco control policies
- Continue efforts to educate community members and policy makers about dangers of tobacco and second hand smoke

Student Selection Criteria
Fluent in Chinese (written and verbal); interested in tobacco control; enrolled in an advanced degree program; completed at least one year of advanced degree program; preferred skills in Epidata, Epinfo, SAS and/or SPSS.