**Research Project Title:** Child Malnutrition Interventions Evaluation Research  
**Location:** Salta, Argentina  
**Research Topic:** Health, Youth & Children  
**Partner Organization:** Foundation for Sustainable Development and Fundación Nutrir

**Description of FSD:** Foundation for Sustainable Development is an international development organization that seeks to support communities in achieving their goals through asset-based development and international exchange in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. FSD provides opportunities for students and professionals to engage in real community development work—instead of a typical study abroad or drop-in service project program. FSD works in six countries, and for more than two decades has supported more than 250 community partner organizations and trained more than 3,000 volunteers. Its community development efforts have maintained an ongoing project sustainability rate of nearly 80 percent, addressing health, social, environmental, and economic issues by responding to community priorities and offering training, grants, and volunteer support to community partners.

**Description of Community Partner:** Fundación Nutrir is an integrated social center ensuring the care of high-risk children and their families in all aspects of their lives. Specifically, the foundation combats infant malnutrition by supplying food and educating families on proper preparation; building positive home environments, creating dignity and self-esteem in mothers; providing workshops to mothers and a community garden to children; emphasizing knowledge transfer between generations; and providing spiritual guidance. The objectives of Fundación Nutrir are:

1. Prevent malnutrition and assist in the recovery of malnourished children
2. Take a comprehensive approach to the problem giving rise to malnutrition
3. Assist children who have suffered the severe malnutrition and were discharged in order to prevent relapse

**Social Issue:** The communities where Fundación Nutrir works have multiple needs that prevent them from exercising their rights. Families suffer from lack of land, water, healthcare, education, work, housing, counseling, and legal services. Community leaders try to work to improve the situation, but have few resources. The structural poverty has a direct impact on the nutritional situation of children and families in general. Having safe water remains a privilege of few, since communities that have a community well do not always have the resources to buy the fuel needed by the extraction pump.

**Research Project Description:** Through its programs, Fundación Nutrir supports at-risk children and their families by combating infant malnutrition and building positive home environments. Currently, Fundación Nutrir is eager to conduct research on the effectiveness of their programs used to fight child malnutrition. As a researcher in this field, you will have the opportunity to gain field experience in nutritional disorders in infants and the introduction of therapeutic measures. Additionally you will help support Fundación Nutrir to monitor their current programs, support in data analysis, conduct community interviews, and analyze the
overall effectiveness of the organization’s programs. Upon completion of the research, you will give guidance as to how the organization can improve their community impact and modify current efforts.

**Methodology:** The research would combine quantitative and qualitative methods. Data collection methods will include interviews, surveys, focus groups, and online research and any other methods deemed appropriate. Fundación Nutrir has a database of information that will serve as the baseline data for this research.

**Community Impact:** This research will assist Fundación Nutrir as it aims to end child malnutrition in and around Salta, Argentina. The research will prove integral in planning new interventions and ways to improve upon current programs.

**Student profile:** The researcher should have an intermediate level of Spanish. Additionally, the researcher should have a background in research methodologies. He or she should also be studying health, nursing, nutrition, or similar field.