

Public Health Summer Internship Program

The Center for Public Health Research, Lankenau Institute for Medical Research

Program Overview

- Program runs June 2 – July 25, 2014
- Student participation: 40 hr/week
- All internships in public health are voluntary positions. The program encourages students to seek funding and/or course credit from their school.

APPLICATION DEADLINE for PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP:

February 7th, 2014

The Public Health Summer Internship Experience

The program offers highly motivated students the opportunity to design and implement a public health-oriented research project over an 8-week period. Participants are paired with research mentors whose research interests match as closely as possible with their expressed interests. Our previous summer interns have worked side-by-side with biomedical engineers, case-manager nurses, healthcare administrators, and physician and nurse-researchers.

The research carried out by summer interns often contributes to meaningful discoveries. Our summer interns have: authored policy reports that were delivered to high-level executive administrators in the health system, undertaken fieldwork to identify household appliances that harbor an infectious bacterium in the Philadelphia area, and delineated structural barriers that contribute to poor compliance for annual cancer screenings at the Lankenau Medical Center.

Beyond the research component of the internship, participants will also have a multitude of career and interest building opportunities, including:

- Weekly lectures on major issues in biomedicine and public health
- Networking with clinical and translational researchers, public health workers, and healthcare administrators
- Shadowing physicians, nurses, and healthcare administrators

- Participation in a mentoring program for students from West Philadelphia high schools (for more information, please contact spahri@mlhs.org)

Application Requirements

- A cover letter describing career goals and interest in the program. *Please indicate that you are applying for public health research.* You may also indicate topics in public health research that interest you. If you have questions about current research at the CPHR, please consult its web pages or contact the CPHR directly.
- A resume that includes your contact information, relevant course work, public health or healthcare-related research experiences, and any community outreach experiences. While it is not necessary to have prior research experience, a demonstrated interest in community or healthcare-based projects is highly valued in an applicant.
- An official college transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a college professor, former high school teacher, or employer
- Interested students should apply to the program by sending ALL OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY **MAIL (NOT EMAIL)** to:

Dr. James Mullin
Lankenau Institute for Medical Research
100 Lancaster Avenue
Wynnewood, PA 19096

The deadline for receipt of applications is **February 7, 2014**. Applicants will be notified of their status by April 4, 2014. If accepted, students should confirm their interest in participating in the program by April 18, 2014.

Eligibility is limited to US citizens and Permanent Residents. Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the intern. Students are encouraged to seek funding and/or course credits from their University for the internship.