

## **HEALTH INEQUALITIES STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Health Inequalities Program in the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy and the Center for Health Policy encourages Duke undergraduates to apply for an internship program exploring health inequalities through research, policymaking, and fieldwork. Interns will work on Duke University's campus and/or in the community and will receive a stipend.

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The purpose of the internship program is to provide students interested in public health disciplines the opportunities to:

- Engage in research and fieldwork over the summer;
- Explore career interests in health inequalities, health policy, and/or public health disciplines;
- Work directly with Health Inequalities Program faculty and staff.

The desired outcome of the program is to encourage students to pursue an independent study or honors thesis during their senior year based on the concepts learned throughout the internship.

### **INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The internship program will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> and will last through August 10<sup>th</sup>, although allowances may be made to shorten your internship. The internship commitment is 30 hours per week through the Summer so it is possible to take a course or course(s) as long as the 30 hour commitment can be sustained.

Weekly training will provide interns with the broad foundation of knowledge of basic public health disciplines, an overview of the Health Inequalities Program and its projects, and an introduction to research, policymaking, and fieldwork in an academic setting. Interns may have the opportunity to aid in the production of a formal written work by the completion of the internship, in the form of a manuscript for peer review, grant proposal, or policy report.

Interns will participate in a group project over the summer in addition to their individual internships. This project will involve working with a community organization partner on research, development and/or evaluation.

At the end of the summer session, interns will have the option to apply to continue with their internships part-time during the following academic year. To continue, a positive evaluation from your supervisor and an 8-12 hour per week time commitment are required. This will allow students to engage in research, policymaking, and fieldwork efforts over an extended period of time.

## **INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AREAS**

The Internship Program will be supervised by HIP faculty or staff members and will focus on specific HIP projects:

- **The North Carolina HIV Training Center (NCHTC):**  
This program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). It is North Carolina's local AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC), which is a sub-site of the Southeast AIDS Training and Education Center (SEATEC) at Emory University. The purpose is to educate clinical health care providers about HIV infection including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and psychosocial issues. For more information, contact: Betsy Barton at [betsy.barton@duke.edu](mailto:betsy.barton@duke.edu)
- **SAMHSA/TCE:**  
Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to expand and enhance delivery of substance abuse treatment services to persons multiply diagnosed with HIV and addiction. It ensures increased access to culturally sensitive substance abuse and HIV prevention and treatment services through HIV primary and specialty care clinics by interdisciplinary teams comprised of substance abuse service providers, HIV clinic staff, and community-based HIV care/support service providers. For more information, contact: Doug Thomas at [Douglas.thomas@duke.edu](mailto:Douglas.thomas@duke.edu)
- **HIHOPE/PHICAS:**  
The PHICAS project, funded in November 2003 through HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care, will develop a network of providers through a six county region to link and coordinate services for HIV-infected person with or at high risk of contracting Hepatitis C. The region served includes Durham, Vance, Warren, Franklin, Person, and Granville counties. This project was funded through HRSA in 2002, uses an IT system to link staff of infectious disease and primary care clinics serving HIV positive patients with their case managers in the community to share information and coordinate care electronically. HIP is partnering with agencies as far east as Wilmington and as far west as Hickory in this project. For more information contact Sarah Cohen at [secohen@duke.edu/](mailto:secohen@duke.edu/)

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Candidates should submit their completed application materials by **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007** at 5:00 p.m. Select candidates will be interviewed and the selection committee will offer the internship to students by late February, 2007. For initial consideration, a candidate must:

- Currently be a Duke freshman, sophomore or junior completing a Bachelor's degree;
- Be able to commit to working 30 hours per week over the summer of 2007;
- Show interest in public health, health policy, and/or health inequalities research and fieldwork through academic coursework, previous experiences, and essays;
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership and strategic thinking attributes;
- Display strong communication skills in a variety of contexts.

## **Checklist for Internship Application**

To apply, fully complete the attached application and submit a current resume and official transcripts from all Universities attended.

- Application Form**
- Resume**
- Transcript**

**Please submit the entire application by Thursday February 8th, 2006 at 5 p.m.**

Attention: Kate Murphy-McMillan

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Durham, NC 27708
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**REFERENCES** (Please provide two references, preferably local)

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