Occupational Health Internship Program

Paid Summer Internship Opportunity

Gain Hands-On Experience with Workplace Safety & Health Issues

Internship Dates: June 20 - August 18, 2023

Application Deadline Extended to: February 17, 2023

All students will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the 2023 OHIP summer.

Organization Description

The Occupational Health Internship Program is a national summer program dedicated to help students learn about the field of occupational safety and health (OSH) from those with most at stake: working people. Since 2004, OHIP has played a key role in training, mentoring and inspiring a new generation of OSH professionals to prevent job injury and disease through partnerships with labor and worker organizations. A project of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics, OHIP has training sites across the US. OHIP anticipates 2023 projects to be in-person -- visit www.OHIPintern.org for 2023 sites and program details. 2022 projects included creating safe workplaces for cannabis workers, mental health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic among health care workers, investigation of key issues facing restaurant workers, and investigation of workplace hazards at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

Position Description

Teams of two students are placed with a union or worker organization to investigate job-related safety and health problems among workers. Projects are designed to maximize interaction between workers and students. OHIP is an applied research experience, where students learn about the OSH field from the workers’ perspective. Project work emphasizes worker interviews and worksite evaluations. At the end of the project, teams provide a “give back” product to the workers and their host union/worker organization, present their project at a national NIOSH web-conference, and produce a final report. Commitment is full-time, including possible evenings or weekends.

Qualifications

Graduate and undergraduate students can apply; some stipends are restricted to US citizens. Non-US citizens must supply documentation of permission to work in the US. Undergraduates must have completed two years. Recent graduates cannot be out of school for more than six months prior to the start of OHIP (i.e. students are not eligible if they graduated prior to December of 2022). We are looking for students with experience or interest in working with unions or social justice organizations, are organized and self-starting, have good team skills and ideally speak a second language such as Spanish and Vietnamese. We also seek students who have skills to work independently and as a team member in environments where interactions with partners of varied backgrounds and experiences are encouraged.

Compensation

Undergraduate Students = $4,000 stipend | Graduate Students = $5,200 stipend

To Apply

Visit www.OHIPintern.org

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