



Summer Internship Opportunity

Gain Hands-On Experience with Workplace Safety and Health Issues

Internship Dates: June 18 - August 15, 2012

Deadline to Apply: March 2, 2012

Interns are required to attend a 3-day National Orientation in Los Angeles June 19, 20 and 21

Organization Description

The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) is a national program committed to training, mentoring and inspiring a new generation of occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals to prevent job injury and disease through a partnership with workers. A project of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC), OHIP has training centers in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego, New York, Boston and Chicago - *new sites may be announced*. Previous 2011 projects included: Violence-related injuries and illness experienced by mental health care workers in a state hospital, hazards related to manual handling materials among grocery store workers, and blood borne pathogen exposure issues for nurses.

Position Description

Students work in teams and are paired with a particular union or worker organization to investigate health and safety concerns among workers employed in underserved or high hazard jobs. OHIP provides students a hands-on experience, where students learn about the field of OSH from the perspective of workers. Students have the unique opportunity to interview workers, visit worksites and develop something useful to “give back” to the workers. At the end of the internship, teams present their projects at a national NIOSH videoconference 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, preferably in a field related to public health, environmental studies or public policy. Graduate students in public health, medicine, nursing or a related field are encouraged to apply. 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 of new immigrant workers: Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese, etc. We encourage students from minority and recent immigrant groups to apply.

Compensation

Undergraduate students = \$4,000 stipend

Graduate students = \$5,200 stipend

(National Orientation expenses are paid by OHIP)

To Apply

Visit www.aoec.org/ohip for an application or contact OHIP Administrative Program Coordinator Ingrid Denis (idenis@aoec.org or 1-888-347-2632). 2012 applications will be posted in January. For general information on sites or potential projects, contact OHIP Program Coordinator Sarah Jacobs (sjacobs@irle.ucla.edu).