Community Health Initiative (CHI)
Student Application – Community Internship

Through funding support provided by Medica, the Office for Business & Community Economic Development will now offer the Community Health Initiative (CHI). The goal of this initiative is two-fold; to provide resources that help community-based nonprofit organizations or small businesses that work in the areas impacting public health, social services, medicine, medical technology, or to help these organizations build capacity and improve their overall performance and effectiveness in communities of color; and secondly to provide University of Minnesota students with valuable applied learning experiences by linking them to opportunities in communities that face public health disparities and other socio-economic issues.

CHI Community Internships
This application is for University of Minnesota graduate students seeking a paid internship with a community-based nonprofit organization or small business. Funded by the CHI Program, this Community Internship will assist those nonprofits and businesses that focus directly on addressing public health issues or health disparities in underserved, socially and economically challenged communities. Internship proposals will cover topical areas of Public Health, Community Health Education, Social Work, Population Health Coordination, Nursing Care/Management, Health/Medical Research, Feasibility Study and Program Evaluation and Measurement. The BCED Program Manager receives applications from qualifying organizations and students, and then matches them up taking into account, skills set, work and volunteer experience, classroom instruction and other experience the student wishes to share on the application, resume and cover letter.

Timeframe
CHI Community Internships are offered during the summer (typically end of May through August) of each year and are full-time (40 hour per week), 3/4-time (30 hour per week) or part-time (20 hour per week) positions. Students participating in the Community Internships are full-time graduate students enrolled in the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, School of Social Work, School of Medicine and Nursing Students.

Qualifications
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities Campus) in the School of Public Health, the School of Social Work, School of Medicine or Nursing School
- Students from socially and economically disadvantaged or ethnically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply
- Strong academic credentials (Minimum GPA of 3.0)
- Experience with communities of color and/or nonprofit organizations

Students Who Participate
- Gain valuable experience working with community-based nonprofit organizations or businesses serving diverse communities addressing health disparities
- May have the opportunity to fulfill master’s degree field experience requirements
- Develop hands-on professional skills; improve their communications and consulting skills
- Are exposed to potential careers and new community engagement opportunities
- Apply classroom knowledge to real-life management and operational situations
- Will submit a Work Plan at the start and a Final Report at the completion of the internship
- Will be paid an hourly wage ($16/hour), bi-weekly according to the University payroll schedule
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Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

E-mail address: _____________________________________________________

Student ID Number: ________________________________________________

Major area(s) of study: _____________________________________________ Degree: ________________

Cumulative GPA: ____________ Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________

What U of MN School are you enrolled?  □Public Health □Social Work □Medical □Other ________________

What is your student status? □ Full Time □ Part Time

Are you employed by the University of Minnesota? □ Yes □ No

If so, how many hours a week do you work? _____________________________

Are you an International Student? □ Yes □ No

If yes, are you allowed to work on campus? □ Yes □ No

What type of visa do you have and when does it expire? (International Student) ________________

Do you have a car? □ Yes □ No

If you are interested in working with a particular organization or business, please provide the name, phone number, contact person and e-mail address. ______________________________________________

Internship positions can be full-time (40 hrs/wk), 3/4-time (30 hrs/wk) or part-time (20 hrs/wk) over the course of 12 weeks during the summer. Please indicate your preference. □ Full-time (480 hrs) □ 3/4-time (320 hrs) □ Part-time (240 hrs)

(Total number of hours available to work based on a 12-week timeframe.)

Please check the types of projects in which you have EXPERTISE and SKILLS in:

____ Public Health ______ Health/Medical Research

____ Community Health Education ______ Feasibility Study

____ Social Work ______ Program Evaluation/Measurement

____ Population Health Coordination ______ Other: _________________________

____ Nursing Care/Management
Please share any information about yourself and why you are a good candidate for this program (ex. Economic or ethnic background, past work experience and relevant course work).

It is expected that the student will spend approximately two to three months throughout the summer on this internship and will be under the supervision of the host organization. Please state the earliest possible start date, the latest end date and list any scheduled events that may affect your participation during the summer.

Submit a RESUME and COVER LETTER with your application to: Nedy Windham at: windh003@umn.edu