



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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Region IV Public Health Training Center *Pathways to Practice Scholar Field Placement Program* Alabama – Fall Scholar Position

AGENCY: One Roof

POSITION TITLE: One Roof Intern

LOCATION: 1515 6th Ave. S, Birmingham, AL 35233

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://www.oneroofonline.org/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Fall 2021)

DESIRED START DATE: August/September, 2021

* Interested students should apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received. Submit to Tamira M. Moon at tmmoon@emory.edu

Note: To apply to more than one posting, submit separate applications specifying the position title in the subject line. Please be specific in your email *and* cover letter.

DESCRIPTION: The following position is offered as a field placement through the Region IV Public Health Training Center (<http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc>).

One Roof is the coordinating agency for the homeless Continuum of Care of Central Alabama. As a continuum organization, One Roof secures funding from Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for member agencies who are a part of our continuum and coordinates housing services in partnership with these members for people experiencing homelessness. One Roof is like an umbrella organization with about 40+ membership agencies who serve the homeless population in Central Alabama. One Roof's mission is to equip and empower our community to prevent and end homelessness through advocacy, education, and coordination of services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this fall intern position is to assist One Roof with the Coordinated Entry (CE) program. CE is the backbone of One Roof's work and is the process by which we access the most vulnerable of those experiencing homelessness for their housing needs and then refer them to an appropriate housing provider as quickly as possible. The main target of this change process is the assessment tool One Roof uses to determine clients' vulnerabilities and housing needs, called the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, VI- SPDAT. This tool is used by Homeless Continuums of Care across the nation, but it has recently come under scrutiny for being ineffective and inequitable.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Self-starter; Good grasp of quantitative analysis techniques; Basic skills in quantitative analysis software, like JMP or SPSS; Strong writing and editing skills; Ability to use Word and Excel; Interest or experience in conducting a lit review (including internet resources); Dependable, becoming a member of an interdisciplinary team; Communicates well, responsive.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- Quantitative Data Analysis: Conduct a quantitative analysis on Coordinated Assessment client data from the past four years to identify gaps in ensuring individuals are referred to housing equitably and effectively.
- Literature Review on Housing Assessment Tools: Create a comprehensive literature review on housing assessment tools available around the nation.
- The end goal of the internship is to help One Roof identify and/or build a viable alternative to the VI-SPDAT so that it can progress towards its goal of ending homelessness in Central Alabama.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Analytic/Assessment
2. Program Planning
3. Public Health Science

TRAVEL: No

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Preference will only be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. Students must complete the program prior to graduation. [Past recipients of the Pathways to Practice Award are not eligible to apply again.](#)

Your cover letter should include the semesters you are applying for (Fall 2021), the title of the position you are applying to, and citizenship or permanent resident visa status. In your resume, include the name of your degree program, department, year of study (e.g. 1st year MPH student), and expected graduation date.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident

Citizenship statement: The Region IV Public Health Training Center is a federally-funded program which has a citizenship requirement. To be eligible to apply for this position, you must be either a U.S. citizen, a non-citizen U.S. national, or a foreign national having in your possession a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S.

AWARD LEVEL: \$3,500 award

* Note: Travel costs will not be covered by the program beyond the total \$3,500 award.

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK & DURATION: Approximately 20 hours a week for 10 weeks.

**Students may be limited in the minimum or maximum number of hours they can work per semester based on their university, school or degree's policies. If this work will be also be used as a graduation requirement, the student should verify those requirements and abide by their university policies.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the *"Student Scholar Field Placement Guidebook"* for more details about the Pathways to Practice Scholars Program and requirements. It is located on the Field Placements page of the Region IV PHTC website: <http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc>.

TO APPLY: Please submit the required documents following specifications above (resume and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Tamira M. Moon at tmmoon@emory.edu with the subject line **"Fall 2021 Applicant: AL – One Roof."**

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY