



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: CryOut Teen Organization

POSITION TITLE: CryOut Teen Organization Intern

LOCATION: 155 Terry Cove, Florence, MS 39170

AGENCY WEBSITES: www.teenscryout.org

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Spring 2022)

DESIRED START DATE: January 2022

DESIRED END DATE: TBD

* 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>).

CryOut Teen Organization's mission is simply "to improve our youths' outlook on life" by creating thought-provoking conversations and situations that will enhance their abilities to cope with the many conditions that make growing up difficult. We provide education, awareness, and prevention through platforms that have been designed to strengthen our youth. We also focus on decreasing racial inequities, increasing access to healthcare, and deleting health disparities. Each year we distribute over 60,000 contraceptives to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS through our HBCU tour. We promote the global U=U campaign, provide an Afterschool Mental Health Awareness Program, feed hundreds through local stewpots, and provide grant writing workshops for teens and college students. We collaborate with many local organizations during crises to promote health and wellness, healing and stability as we did during the global COVID pandemic through PPE distribution, elderly care, and aid for families in the food crisis.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this summer intern position is to assist the CryOut Teen Organization with work to increase HIV awareness, decrease stigmas associated with People Living with HIV (PLWHIV), and ultimately help end the HIV epidemic. The primary tasks include: 1) Inform, educate and empower people about health awareness issues.; 2) Design a U=U (HIV) Awareness survey; 3) Disseminate survey and collect data; 4) Evaluate effectiveness of program; 5) Distribute findings of survey and evaluation; 6) Engage stakeholders; and 7) Shadow Mental Awareness Grantees.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Grade of C or higher in Public Health Curriculum; Proficient in Zoom, social media platforms, and other online forums. If selected for a remote internship, must be proficient in Zoom, social media platforms, and other online forums.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Proficient in Microsoft Office; Proficient in SPSS or SAS

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

U=U Undetectable = Untransmittable

Overview: This project will look at some of the barriers keeping Mississippians among the highest number of new HIV cases. Surveys will be created, distributed, and the data collected will be used to determine what collaborations are needed to further educate the population on the available **Undetectable = Untransmittable** (U=U) program. The supervisor is a U=U Ambassador and will align the goals and objectives with formulating a plan to end the HIV Epidemic through simple education of the program.

Purpose: To increase HIV Awareness, decrease stigmas associated with PLWHIV, and ultimately help end the HIV epidemic

Objective 1: Provide support for PLWHIV in MS to gain better access to information to become undetectable and remain so that they can no longer transmit the virus

Objective 2: Assistance in decreasing the number of new cases in the state by providing adequate hands-on education

Objective 3: Encourage testing for the all of the untested population

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Analytic/Assessment
2. Change Management
3. Communication
4. Community Dimensions of Practice
5. Cultural Competency
6. Financial Planning/Management
7. Leadership and Systems Thinking
8. Policy Development/Engagement
9. Program Planning
10. Problem Solving
11. 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 be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. Will consider Social Work (graduate); Sociology (graduate); Undergraduate public health (juniors/seniors). 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 (Spring 2022), 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. Please also send an unofficial transcript.

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 10-20 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 (unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Tamira M. Moon at tmmoon@emory.edu with the subject line "**Spring 2022 Applicant: MS – CryOut Teen Organization.**"

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY