



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Mississippi State Extension – AIM for CHangE

POSITION TITLE: Mississippi State Extension – AIM for CHangE Intern

LOCATION: 1 Research Blvd. Ste 200 Starkville, MS 39759

AGENCY WEBSITES: [AIM for CHangE](#) | [Mississippi State University Extension Service \(msstate.edu\)](#)

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2022)

DESIRED START DATES: May 2022

This position will be hybrid.

* 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>).

Mississippi State Extension – AIM for CHangE values collaboration, diversity, transparency, and personal agency. Our vision is for a healthy Mississippi that embraces active living and promotes food access. Our mission is to prevent and reduce obesity using a combination of evidencebased strategies; a policy, systems, and environmental approach; and multisectoral, community-led partnerships.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student will work on the AIM for CHangE grant. MSU Extension has launched an initiative to help Mississippians battle obesity through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mississippi HOP, locally referred to as AIM for CHangE, currently serves 9 of 12 Mississippi counties with an adult obesity rate of 40% or greater. We work with stakeholders who want to improve the health of their neighborhoods by making healthy lifestyles more accessible. We contain many inter-professional collaborations in the work that we do from businesses, transportation, education, municipalities to name a few.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in program development, implementation, and evaluation
- Highly organized and proactive with a positive attitude
- Working knowledge of public health and systems change work
- Understanding of maternal and child health and social needs
- Understanding of various cultural groups and (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) DEI

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Familiarity with the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) population.

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

1. Aid in creating a database to house data entry
2. Data Entry
3. Assist with communication efforts

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Communication
2. Problem Solving
3. Program Planning
4. Policy Development/Engagement

TRAVEL: Yes (10% travel if possible)

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 Psychology (graduate); Social Work (graduate); Sociology (graduate); Part-time students* (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 (Summer 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 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 "Summer 2022 Applicant: MS – Mississippi State Extension – AIM for CHangE

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY