



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Emory Urban Health Initiative

**POSITION TITLE:** Emory Urban Health Initiative Intern

**LOCATION:** 49 Jesse Hill Jr Dr, Atlanta, GA 30033

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://urbanhealthinitiative.emory.edu/>

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1 (Spring 2023)

**DESIRED START DATES:** January 15, 2023

\* Interested students should apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received. Submit to Elizabeth Kidwell at [elkidwell@emory.edu](mailto:elkidwell@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>).

*NOTE: The position duties may be conducted remotely.*

The mission of the Emory Urban Health Initiative is to provide health disparities education and advocacy, build collaborative partnerships and develop best practice models with low-resourced communities and those who work with them to advance equity in health and well-being. The Emory Urban Health Initiative is committed to the following values:

- **Leadership:** We listen and learn from our community. We approach the systemic causes of community problems and mobilize resources for the common good.
- **Equity:** We endeavor for health equity, and focus primarily, but not exclusively, on vulnerable populations in the Metro Atlanta area.
- **Inclusiveness:** We practice and champion inclusiveness in the community at large. We honor diverse strengths, needs, voices, and backgrounds of all members of the UHI and partnering communities.
- **Accountability:** We serve as stewards for our community investments and honor the charitable intentions of donors to meet current and future research-based community-led needs. We are duty-bound to the highest standards of ethics, integrity, service, and fiduciary responsibility.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The student will be working to address sustainability on the campus of Emory University and Emory Healthcare. The student will serve to research and explore the different options available, and to act as a liaison for outreach and collaboration along these various avenues. Work can mostly be done virtually, with regular check ins to discuss progress.

The student will be assisting on various outreach and collaborations including:

- Establishing partnerships with DOT, NHTSA, or EPA to discuss ways the health care system can offer innovative transit in non-polluting ways to transport individuals to and from healthcare facilities and offices.
- Encouraging academic campuses to reduce the urban heat island effect by having solar on every rooftop, and tree canopy covering 30% of the rest of the structure (i.e. roads and entrances within the campus).
- Promoting the electrification of campus shuttle buses through collaborative efforts with fleet managers of various local academic institutions as well as connecting with those in charge of endowment projects to assist with the implementation of Sustainable Charging Systems that support electric transportation on campus.
- Pursuing ideas to combat barriers such as limits to allowed renewables and achieve sustainable healthcare solutions.

#### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Proficient and comfortable with professional outreach and introductions, as well as following up in setting virtual zoom meetings and creating calendar invites to further meet with and discuss collaborative ideas with potential stakeholders and team members
- Proficient in creating doodle polls, coordinating calendars, creating electronic surveys, creating shared documents, etc.
- Must have excellent organizational skills, including methods for curating emails and documents, so they can be searched and found at later dates.
- Comfortable with introducing the organization and interested in addressing sustainability within our health system and university.

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

1. Explore literature that addresses the impact of health systems on the carbon sector, and how this adversely affects the health of minority communities.
2. Student will take time to learn more about the various organizations, Private companies, and sectors that can be reached out to.
3. Student will then perform professional outreach (e.g. emails and phone calls) and introductions, as well as following up in setting virtual zoom meetings and creating calendar invites to further meet with and discuss collaborative ideas with potential stakeholders and team members.
4. Student will keep notes of progress and suggestions from various stakeholders, and includes lessons learned from stakeholders into a final presentation where the student synthesizes their work and journey during their time spent on this initiative, including future directions.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:**

1. Community Partnership/Engagement
2. Cross-sector Partnerships
3. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
4. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**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. [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 2023), 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15 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: <https://r4phtc.org/field-placements/>

**TO APPLY:** Please submit the required documents following specifications above (resume and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Elizabeth Kidwell, [elkidwell@emory.edu](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line **"Spring 2023 Applicant: GA-Urban Health Initiative"**

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY