Graduate Student Epidemiology Program (GSEP)

Informational Webinar for Potential 2022 Host Sites

December 13, 2021
Agenda

3:30 – 3:45pm ET: GSEP Introduction
3:45 – 4:00pm ET: Application Process Walkthrough
4:00 – 4:05pm ET: Host Site Benefits
4:05 – 4:15pm ET: Q&A
What’s Our “Why?”

- Diversify the pipeline of early career professionals entering MCH epidemiology careers and tracking into state/territory/local leadership positions.

- Provide opportunities to learn and practice skills needed for successful leadership in state/territory/local MCH epidemiology.

- Expose students to different epidemiology emphasis areas (needs assessment, data analysis, program monitoring and evaluation) across all MCH population domains.
Funding and Program Support

- Funded by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s (MCHB) Office of Epidemiology and Research through a five-year cooperative agreement between AMCHP and the MCHB Division of State and Community Health.

- Guided by a Steering Committee comprised of AMCHP staff, federal (i.e., HRSA and CDC) partners, state/territory/local MCH epidemiologists, youth and family leaders, and former interns.
GSEP Overview

- 20 masters or doctoral students from MCH, epidemiology, or related disciplines selected annually and matched with approved host sites for ten (10) weeks.

- Interns spend 35 hours/week completing a project at their host site and 5 hours/week participating in a “menu” of enrichment activities facilitated by AMCHP.

- The experience is guided by a joint agreement that outlines expectations for and is signed by each intern, their primary supervisor, and the AMCHP project director.
Program Components

- Intern responsibilities
- Host site responsibilities
- AMCHP responsibilities
- Logistics
Intern Responsibilities

- Attend orientation session with supervisor
- Complete all project deliverables in a professional manner as a representative of AMCHP and their matched host site
- Actively participate in AMCHP enrichment activities, e.g., Friday sessions, office hours, and small peer groups
- Be receptive to and learn from supervisor feedback
- Complete weekly progress reports and required evaluations
- Present project results and implications
Host Site Responsibilities

- Attend orientation session with interns
- Ensure access to necessary hardware, software, and datasets
- Provide thoughtful, resonant, and consistent mentorship
- Create learning and skill development opportunities
Host Site Responsibilities (cont.)

- Host an optional, in-person site visit
- Communicate regularly with AMCHP
- Review weekly student progress reports
- Complete required supervisor evaluations
AMCHP Responsibilities

- Facilitate matching and introductions
- Provide a comprehensive program orientation
- Deliver an engaging, relevant enrichment curriculum
- Communicate regularly with interns and supervisors
AMCHP Responsibilities (cont.)

- Ensure completion of all program evaluation components
- Administer stipends and any site visit reimbursements
- Make responsive program changes
- Support resolution of conflicts as needed
Logistics

- Internships are conducted 100% remotely, with the option for a two-day, in-person site visit; AMCHP covers all costs for interns and will provide guidance/planning support sites.

- AMCHP administers stipends to interns in three installments: (1) upon commitment, (2) upon completion and supervisor approval of Week 3 progress report, and (3) upon completion of project presentation and final evaluation.

- Supervisors will meet every two (2) weeks with the Host Site Experience Coordinator from AMCHP.
Host site eligibility

- Title V MCH state and jurisdiction health agencies
- Local and tribal health agencies
- Non-profit organizations serving health agencies
Ready to apply?

https://tinyurl.com/GSEPHostApply
What do we need to know about your agency/organization?

- Type of organization
- Title V affiliation (funding or technical assistance provider)
- Physical address
- Contact information for person submitting application
Please click "Create a Profile to Get Started" to begin. You can always edit your Profile by clicking "Edit".

You cannot move forward until you have completed your Profile.

To begin, click "Get Started" below. When you return to this Homepage, you can see the status of your submission by the colored status bar below the submission card.

- If the status bar is gray, your submission is under review, and no action needs to be taken.
- If the status bar is blue, there is an action required. Click on the Submission Card to complete.
- If the status bar is red, there is an error. Please reach out to the Administrator of this program.

Sites may apply to host up to 3 interns, each with a specific project description. The next part of the application requires you to describe each potential project. You will only need to fill out multiple descriptions if you are applying to host multiple interns.
Apply Now
When every step in this submission is complete, the "Submit" button to the right will become green and clickable.

The submission is not fully submitted until you click the green "Submit" button. Once you click "Submit" the submission will no longer be editable.

Host Site Project
The button will update to reflect how you can interact with this step.
What do we need to know about the proposed supervisor?

- Name and Title
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Previous Experience Supervising/Mentoring Interns
What information do we need to know about the proposed project?

- Primary and secondary focus of the project
- Population domain(s) the project will focus on
- National Performance Measure(s) the project will address
- MCH Leadership Competencies the project will address
What do we need to know about the proposed project?

- Project description (2 – 5 paragraphs)
- Product(s) the intern will have produced by the end of the internship
- Protected Health Information and/or IRB approval
- Skill sets, statistical package experience, etc. that are necessary to complete the project AND those that you are willing to train/support the intern on
- Backup plans in case of primary supervisor leave/unexpected project lulls
2021 GSEP Project Examples

- Building a Community-Level Data Dashboard for Maternal Mortality Review
- An Examination of Postpartum Contraceptive Use Among Women on Medicaid
- Screen Time and Physical Activity among Adolescents during COVID: Findings from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study
- Maternal Health Care from Doulas’ Perspectives: A Qualitative Analysis
- Intersection Between Race & Geography in Montana – Factors Associated with PRAMS Response Rates
- Breastfeeding Uptake & Continuation in Maine
What information are interns providing?

- Demographic Information (includes school & degree program)
- Resume/CV
- Interest areas within epidemiology and MCH
- What they hope to learn/experience as a GSEP intern and how GSEP will help them in their careers
- Skill sets and/or statistical packages they are interested in learning
- One (1) letter of recommendation
Timeline

- **Project approval and review:** (December 2021 – March 2022)

  - AMCHP will review projects on a rolling basis and communicate within 2 weeks of submission whether a project was approved or if changes/clarifications are required. Applications are due by 11:59pm ET on March 16, 2022.

  - Approved host site projects will then be reviewed by AMCHP staff/steering committee and scored based on epidemiological soundness, MCH population relevance, workforce development potential, degree to which equity is centered, and appropriateness for a ten-week graduate intern project. The top 35 projects will be reviewed and ranked by accepted interns.

- **Matching:** April 2022

  - Intern review of host site projects: Early April 2022

  - AMCHP matching with host sites based on intern ranking: Mid-April 2022

  - Host sites review proposed match: Late April 2022

- **Final review for fit and placement:** early May 2022
Host Site Benefits

- Interns can solely focus on agency priorities
- Opportunity for staff to gain mentorship experience
- Potential for post-graduation hiring
- Zero financial investment required
Summer 2021 Supervisor Feedback (n=17)

> 94% satisfaction with:
- Overall program
- Application
- Intern matching process
- Orientation and support
- AMCHP communications
- Mentorship expectations

> 94% of supervisors:
- Found it easy to meet expectations outlined in the joint agreement
- Would host an intern in future years (88% open to doing so remotely)
Summer 2021 Supervisor Feedback

- “It is often difficult to get interns to move to [our jurisdiction] so a remote experience actually worked well for us. [Our intern] was a wonderful person to work with and her work was very impressive. I would love to host again.”

- “You guys did a great job facilitating this! We are always excited to have GSEP interns because we know they are both competent skills-wise and interested in the subject matter. [Our intern] was great even by GSEP standards, too, so we were happy to get her introduced to our organization!”
THANK YOU!

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Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the financial commitment for host sites?
- Will there be technical assistance available during the application process to support project scoping/alignment with GSEP expectations?
- Is it possible that our site matches for one proposed project and not another?
- What happens with the site visit if our agency/organization has still not returned to in-person work in Summer 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic?