Healthy People 2020 Law and Health Policy Project Internship/Externship

Opportunity

- Internships providing an opportunity to work with staff with the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), Community Strategies Division, to focus on Healthy People 2020, and to be part of our work to better integrate law and policy into Healthy People.
- Students (law preferred) will work on the development of specific reports and other evidence-based products (fact sheets, research anthologies, etc.).
- Potential duties include, but are not limited to: researching subject matter for Authors and report work groups, helping to identify and finalizing citations, researching specific laws or policies, and developing 50 state datasets.
- To attend and participate in Law and Health Policy-related meetings and activities.
- As work to develop Healthy People 2030 begins, projects may also help to support these efforts.
- Externships may be a possibility for candidates who are out-of-state or who have more limited availability or focus-areas of interest. Faculty supervision and access to necessary computer, IT and work equipment and resources may be required if offsite and/or to receive school credit.

Logistics

- Ability to work at least 15 hours/week for a semester or 90 day period
- Flexible schedule with established time on-site at ODPHP in Rockville, MD
- Potential opportunity for school credit (if allowed)

Application Process and Deadlines

- To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Angela.McGowan@hhs.gov.
- Please submit applications by **November 15, 2016** for the Spring semester or **February 1, 2017** for Summer positions.

Compensation

- This is an unpaid position and internships are not tied to academic credit.
- Externship and practicum opportunities may be available for students seeking academic credit as allowed by their law or public health schools.
PROJECT BACKGROUND

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020
The Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) initiative provides science-based national objectives for a decade to improve the health of all Americans. The goals of the initiative are to:

- Encourage collaborations across communities and sectors.
- Empower individuals toward making informed health decisions.
- Measure the impact of prevention activities.
- HP2020 is managed by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

THE LAW AND HEALTH POLICY PROJECT
The HP2020 Law and Health Policy project will use the best available data to inform and advance the discussion about how laws and policies can impact health. This project is a 4-year long collaborative effort between ODPHP, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDC Foundation, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

Project leadership will work with subject matter experts and federal partners to develop at least 10 evidence-based reports and products over the course of the grant cycle. The reports will be shared and disseminated widely to encourage a national dialogue about the potential impact of legal and policy interventions in improving the health of communities.

The reports will highlight laws and policies related to specific topic areas and objectives within HP2020 and provide practical information to a broad audience — including public health officials and associations, health-related industries, legal practitioners, non-profit organizations, and community leaders — about the use of law and policy to address health factors.

Public health law and policy can have widespread impact on communities. These reports will be resources that communities can use to demonstrate the value of public health law and policy through the best possible, evidence-based strategies and interventions. This project will also foster collaboration among public health and legal professionals.

PROJECT STRUCTURE
The CDC Foundation launched this project with a grant from RWJF, and oversees the financial and administrative aspects of the project. As the lead for HP2020, ODPHP directs project efforts in conjunction with federal groups including the HP2020 Federal Interagency Workgroup (FIW), the HP2020 Topic Area Workgroup Coordinators, and CDC, with input from RWJF and CDC Foundation. These partners are responsible for the overall development and implementation of the Law and Health Policy Project.

A workgroup of the FIW was established to provide overall guidance and input on the project. In addition, an ad hoc group of External Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) was established to provide feedback and guidance on the project processes, report topics and public health legal/policy issues.