Gain Hands-On Experience with Workplace Safety & Health Issues

Internship Dates: June 14 - August 13, 2021 | Deadline to Apply: February 12, 2021

*2021 OHIP projects will be virtual with hopes of becoming hybrid or in-person by the summer.*

Organization Description

The Occupational Health Internship Program is a national summer program dedicated to helping students learn about the field of occupational health and safety (OHS) from those most at stake: working people. Since 2004, OHIP has played a key role in training, mentoring and inspiring a new generation of OHS professionals to prevent job injury and disease through partnerships with labor and worker organizations. A project of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics, OHIP has training sites across the US. Visit [www.OHIPintern.org](http://www.OHIPintern.org) for 2021 sites. The 13 projects in 2019 included a hazard assessment of Las Vegas casinos, an investigation of sexual harassment and workplace violence in LA cannabis dispensaries, and workplace violence risks for transit workers in Hartford, CT.

Position Description

Teams of two students are placed with a union or worker organization to investigate job-related safety and health problems among workers. Projects are designed to maximize interaction between workers and students. OHIP is an applied research experience, where students learn about the OHS field from the workers’ perspective. Projects emphasize worker interviews and worksite evaluations. At the end of the project, teams provide a “give back” product to the workers and their host union/worker organization, present their project at a national NIOSH web-conference, and produce a final report. Commitment is full-time, including possible evenings or weekends.

Qualifications

Graduate and undergraduate students can apply; some stipends are restricted to US citizens. Non-US citizens must supply documentation of permission to work in the US. Undergraduates must have completed two years. Recent graduates cannot be out of school for more than six months prior to the start of OHIP (i.e. students are not eligible if they graduated prior to December 2020). We are looking for students with experience or interest in working with unions or social justice organizations, are organized and self-starting, have good team skills and ideally speak a second language. Interns will need to be able to work independently and as a team member, and be comfortable interacting with workers of varied backgrounds and experiences.

Compensation

Undergraduate Students = $4,000 stipend | Graduate Students = $5,200 stipend

To Apply

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