



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Organization Name:

University of Arizona College of Public Health
Division of Public Health Practice, Policy & Translational Research

Organization Background:

Our vision is to seamlessly work within the University of Arizona, University of Arizona Health Sciences, and Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health infrastructures. In support of the MEZCOPH mission, the Division of Public Health Practice and Translational Research aims to expand MEZCOPH's reach throughout the State and provide an education, research and service program aligned with the MEZCOPH Tucson, UA Never Settle and the University Arizona Health Sciences Center strategic plans. <https://publichealth.arizona.edu/departments/phoenix-campus/public-health-practice-and-translational-research>

Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health's Office of the Associate Dean of Community Engagement and Outreach is committed to partnering with local health departments to establish and formalize **Academic Health Departments**. Academic Health Departments are mutually beneficial partnership designed to enhance public health instruction, practice, research, and workforce development to improve health in counties throughout Arizona. The college has a long history of partnerships with local health departments throughout Arizona. Academic Health Departments strengthen the links between public health practice, research, training, and service though leveraging existing partnerships and establishing opportunities for new collaborations. Academic Health Departments are structured differently in each county or tribal reservation and are designed to benefit the health needs of each community.

<https://publichealth.arizona.edu/outreach/community-engagement-and-outreach/ahd>

Project Title

Strengthening MEZCOPH Collaboration with Local Health Departments Through Academic Health Departments

Project Description:

Undergraduate interns will be responsible for updating and expanding our local health department (LHD) contact list and reaching out to them and MEZCOPH students interning with them to learn more about each LHD's structure, function, activities, and what it is like to be an intern there.

As with previous internships, other activities may include coordinating tours of the college, organizing networking events, providing input on the Academic Health Department webpage, creating and updating Academic Health Department promotional

materials, updating an internship training presentation/video for potential, future site preceptors and aspiring interns.

Expected outcomes and deliverables include:

- Contact list/directory of local health departments
- Updated internship training presentation/video
- Updated Academic Health Department presentation/Arizona-specific promotional flyer

Project keywords (check all that apply).

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| ☐ Health Disparities | ☐ Maternal/Infant Health |
| ☐ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Tobacco Use |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☐ Injury/Violence Prevention |
| ☒ Collaborations with University | ☐ Immunization |
| ☐ Community health service | ☐ Infectious Disease |
| ☐ Physical Activity | ☐ Oral Health |
| ☐ Substance Abuse | ☐ Evaluation |
| ☐ Mental Health | ☐ Policy Development |
| ☐ Access to care | ☐ Program Planning |
| ☐ Nutrition | ☐ Data Analysis |
| ☐ Reproductive/Sexual Health | ☐ Other Click or tap here to enter text. |
| ☐ Environmental Health | |

When: *When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.*

- ☒ Fall Semester
- ☒ Spring Semester
- ☒ Summer Term
- ☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.
- ☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: _____

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: Drachman Hall

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *home/hybrid option in Drachman Hall or Phoenix if preferred*

☒ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

What kind of student might be a good fit for this project? For example, do you need mathematical expertise, organizational talent, a person comfortable with public speaking?

The student should be persistent, resourceful, with the ability to make phone calls, follow up with local health departments, perform internet research, and use PowerPoint, Canva and/or other design tools.

Level of Expertise Needed: *Do you wish to request an MPH student or an undergraduate public health student?*

Undergraduate: The internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice.

Graduate: Applied experiences for graduate students should require application of advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems and the production of at least two agency-based deliverables.

Both experiences prepare students for future employment.

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☒ Either

Supervision

What is the name and title of the person will provide supervision to/of the student? What is his/her background in terms of academic training and/or expertise in the field?

The supervisor will be **Katie Careaga, MPH, PhD** who currently serves as the Community Outreach and Engagement Liaison for the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health in the Division of Public Health Practice and Translational Research. In addition to her teaching of credit-bearing public health coursework, Dr. Careaga has experience supervising undergraduate public health interns and service-learning students, as well as undergraduate and graduate community health research students. Please see attached CV for details.

Compensation/Benefits/Professional Development

Is a stipend for the work or travel available? Will student be invited to participate in internal or external professional development opportunities? If so, will funding be provided for those experiences (e.g. conference registration, travel, etc.)? Could student be included in publications? Please outline that information.

No stipend is available. Depending on contributions, student may be included in conference presentation preparation.

Application Contact Information

How and to whom should potential students apply? What supporting documents are required?

Students can apply directly to Dr. Careaga. Please send single Word Doc with cover letter and resume to kcareaga@arizona.edu.