



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Office of Border Health Internship

Organization Name

Arizona Department of Health Services
Office of Border Health
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Tucson, Arizona
85701

Level of Expertise Needed

The student must be currently enrolled in a Master's degree program

Internship Project Title

Measuring Impact of Healthy Border 2020 Community Projects in Arizona-Sonora Border Region

Project Description

The U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released binational health improvement strategies in the report, *Healthy Border 2020: A Prevention & Health Promotion Initiative* (HB2020). HB2020 focuses on key public health priorities and highlights opportunities for border wide binational collaboration to address them. The five priority areas are:

- Chronic and Degenerative Diseases;
- Infectious Diseases;
- Maternal and Child Health;
- Mental Health and Addiction and;
- Injuries.

The Office of Border Health supports community projects that implement activities and interventions that address HB2020 priorities in the Arizona-Sonora border region. Several community projects have taken place on the border regions that address the objectives and strategies of HB2020. Measuring the impact of these projects conducted since 2010 is an important step towards the evaluation and progress of the community projects.

The student must participate in responsibilities at the internship site (or related to site-specific work) for a total of 270 hours.

Learning Objectives

- Gain experience working in the Arizona-Sonora Border Region;
- Gain a greater understanding of collaboration among border region partners and stakeholders;
- Develop skills in collaboration and coordination within a complex community and population;

- Acquire familiarity with program evaluations and impact measurements on specific populations.

Intern Characteristics

- Currently enrolled in a Master in Public Health program;
- Demonstrates interest in public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region;
- Excellent analytical and interpretation skills;
- Proficient in Word, Access, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Possess organization, time management and interpersonal skills;
- Highly motivated and organized individual with desire to take initiative with some supervision;
- Possess high level of communication skills, both oral and written and ability of public speaking;
- Ability to collaborate and maintain relationships with various offices and programs in the community;
- English/Spanish bilingual preferred.

Deliverable

Final written report that may include but is not limited to: summation of activities conducted, conclusion of impact of community projects towards achieving Healthy Border 2020 objectives and recommendations for future implementation of community projects in Arizona-Sonora border region.

Background of Organization

The Office of Border Health (OBH) at the Arizona Department of Health Services coordinates and integrates public health program efforts to identify, monitor, control and prevent adverse health events in border communities. The OBH strengthens cross-border public health collaboration with Sonora, Mexico.

The mission of the OBH is to promote and protect the health of all border area residents through sound, competent public health practices along the Arizona-Sonora border.

Additional information can be found at

<http://www.azdhs.gov/director/border-health/index.php>

Location

Internship related tasks will take place at the Office of Border Health, Arizona Department of Health Services in Tucson, Arizona and in the Arizona-Sonora border region.

Travel may be required to communities in the U.S. and in Mexico. A current passport is recommended.

Compensation/Benefits

This is an unpaid internship. However, opportunities to engage in the development of peer-reviewed publications and/or abstracts may be available.

Application Process

- Submit a Letter of Interest with Curriculum Vitae to Robert.Guerrero@azdhs.gov
- Selected applicants will be invited to an interview