



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Organization Name: Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center (SWEHSC)

Level of Expertise Needed: The SWEHSC Community Engagement Core (CEC) is seeking a graduate student. The CEC activities provide opportunities to incorporate classroom learning and to help communities to work toward solving health problems. Skills developed during internships include program development, program evaluation, professional communication; writing and speaking, and participation in grant writing.

Internship Project Title(s):

1. Indigenous Voices
2. Indigenous Outreach
3. Summer Youth Program
4. Water Talks
5. Science Cafe

Project Descriptions:

1. In the **Indigenous Voices** program, the intern will gain public engagement skills through the annual Tribal Forum, and in interviewing, writing, and production of the *Indigenous Stewards* magazine. The intern(s) will gain skills in producing the magazine, learning new software and collaborating with the team and the communications department. The outcomes of this project include school based and public activities to produce and promote both major activities.
2. In the **Indigenous Outreach** program interns help communities with data collection and analysis, community programs, school programs and materials development based on the needs and desires of the individual communities. SWEHSC works with numerous tribal communities in Arizona.
3. In the **Summer Youth Program** the intern(s) practice and improve teaching skills as well as program organization and evaluation skills. These summer programs currently happen on the UA Campus. This year the focus is on developing these activities into mobile events that can be taken into communities. Therefore the intern will work with the team to develop new sites for the summer camps.

5. In the **Water Talks** program the intern(s) will gain environmental health information development skills. In addition they may participate in focus groups and data analysis. The expected outcome of this program is the development of a risk communication model that takes into consideration risk and safety aspects of public drinking water and the resiliency of the public to comprehend the issues involved.
6. A part of the Water Talks program is the **Science Café** program. This program will allow the intern to gain skills in program promotion, organization, and evaluation. The intern will develop Science Cafes in collaboration with the outreach team and our partners and will take lead at the event as well.

Student Characteristics: Interns are not expected to possess specialized skills. Useful skills to all projects are the desire to try something new, willingness to seek the application of environmental public health to a variety of other public health programs, and use of Microsoft and Adobe software.

Organization Background: The SWEHSC Outreach has been an entity of the University of Arizona since 1993. We are involved with multiple partners, including, Tucson Water, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals', and several American Indian tribes. We have provided internships to undergraduate and graduate students in environmental public health with skills that translate to all fields of public health.

Where: The intern works from the SWEHSC Outreach offices, which are in the College of Pharmacy Skaggs Building, room 206.

Supervision: Marti Lindsey, PhD, Outreach Director

Compensation/Benefits: There is no compensation for this internship

Application Contact Information: *Internship applicants should send a resume and letter of interest to Ben Richmond, richmond@pharmacy.arizona.edu , 520-626-5708*