ASPH Training Opportunities

ASPH is pleased to offer students and recent graduates from ASPH-member Schools of Public Health a number of practice-based training opportunities in 2011.

Applications are currently being accepted for the following ASPH Graduate Training Programs:

**ASPH Public Health Policy Fellowship Program**
(Deadline: February 3, 2011);

**ASPH/EPA Environmental Health Fellowship Program**
(Deadline: February 10, 2011);

**ASPH/NHTSA Public Health Fellowship Program**
(Deadline: February 24, 2011)

ASPH Headquarters Summer Internship Program
(Deadline: February 24, 2011).

ASPH Graduate Training Programs contribute to efforts to build an effective public health workforce. Through participation in the programs, fellows and interns learn first-hand how scientific and technological information is used in public health and make practical contributions to programs of national importance.

ASPH will host a webinar on Tuesday, February 1 from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. (Eastern) for individuals interested in learning more about fellowship and internship opportunities available through ASPH. Pre-registration is necessary.

Interested in an International Experience Without Leaving Home?

Spend a month at the US-Mexico Border. What you learn at STEER will last a lifetime! Tuition free for students in US-accredited schools of medicine and public health. Housing provided for only $600/month. Most students’ schools give credit for STEER. Some programs offer global health credit for STEER elective. Presenters are bilingual. Spanish not necessary.

**$300 scholarships available for a limited number of non-UTHSCSA students on a first-come, first-served basis!**

At present, the STEER students do not cross into Mexico. Nevertheless, the Border provides a unique bicultural (90% Hispanic), bilingual learning environment, with a focus on the concerns of our nation’s border with Mexico – poverty, water and air pollution, immigration, sanitation, imports, the border “fence” and a medically underserved population threatened by infectious diseases such as dengue, tuberculosis, rabies as well as high rates of obesity and diabetes.

More than 25 presenters – all experts in their own right – will answer your questions: What are the biggest challenges border residents face? How are the medical and public health systems of both nations working to address these concerns? How do health concerns at the US-Mexico Border affect every US citizen?

STEER offers training in two locations along the U.S.-Mexico Border–Laredo and Harlingen, Texas.

For more information please visit:
http://steer.uthscsa.edu
Or contact us directly at:
steer@uthscsa.edu
KaiserEDU.org fifth annual essay contest on January 19, 2011. Students will be asked to submit an original essay of no more than 1,000 words.

**Essay Topic:**
In March 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). There has been extensive debate over the law and Americans remain divided about what lawmakers should do going forward, with some favoring expansion of the law, some wanting to leave it as is and focus on implementation, and some wanting to repeal parts of or the entire law. You've just been hired as a health aide to a newly elected member of Congress (choose one) who has asked you to prepare a memo summarizing what the next steps should be on health reform.

In 1,000 words or less, please explain and justify your recommendations, identify major challenges, and discuss how they could be addressed. Undergraduate and graduate students will be judged separately and the first-place winners will be awarded $1,500; second-place winners will receive $750. Complete details, dates, rules and regulations for the essay contest will be available online by January 19, 2011 and all essays must be submitted by February 28, 2011. You can read the winning essays from last year's contest online.


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**Feb. 7, 2011**

**MPH CLASS PHOTO!**
We will be hosting the first class photo on February 7th, 2011 at 11:30am. We will meet in front of the PHHP building and walk over to the photo site. This photo is intended for anyone graduating in 2011-2012 school year. Try your best and spread the word! Dress code is business casual.

**Feb. 2, 2011**

PHSA will be volunteering with Bread of the Might Food Bank at 9:45am. We will be assisting in the Weekend Hunger Backpack Program. As a group, we will be filling backpacks with nutritious food that will be distributed to local elementary students for the weekend. The backpacks will hold enough food to feed the child and their siblings.

Please contact Bernadette at bmguzman21@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. We need to know by January 29th.