

Two Paid Interns in Occupational Health – Summer 2016

CSTE is collaborating with the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) to fund two students for a nine-week internship in occupational health based at a state governmental agency for the summer of 2016 (mid-June to mid-August).

These students can be in graduate school in public health, medicine, nursing, or a related field or they can be in an undergraduate program related to public health, environmental studies, or public policy. The two students will work as a team on a project to investigate a job-related health and safety problem among workers, often of new immigrant groups, employed in an under-served or high hazard job. The project must involve occupational health and the students must have active involvement interviewing/interacting with workers. Examples of previous projects are at <http://aoec.org/ohip/projects/>.

The majority of projects involves collaborative activity with unions and community-based organizations, and they are designed to maximize contact between workers and students. The goal is for students to identify and document health and safety problems and recommend ways to reduce or eliminate hazards. The students provide workers and the project's collaborative union/CBO with concrete information about hazards or health and safety concerns that they can use to build and strengthen their efforts to prevent job injury and illness. Additionally, students are required to participate in a national OHIP videoconference with NIOSH and OHIP mentors and staff, and write a final report summarizing what they accomplished during their summer projects. See the following link for detailed information about OHIP requirements: <http://aoec.org/ohip/at-a-glance/>.

Students apply directly to OHIP (the on-line application will be available in Jan/Feb 2016) and will then be selected from that pool for the CSTE program by April 2016. OHIP will directly pay for the students' travel expenses to attend the required 3-day orientation in Los Angeles, their travel expenses to your location, and for their summer stipends. The state agency must provide a specific supervisor committed and available to mentor and assist the students in carrying out the project during the entire internship.

If you are interested in hosting two students, please do the following:

- 1) Review the OHIP web site (www.aoec.org/ohip) to get a better understanding of the program.
- 2) Submit an application to Amy Patel (amypatel@cste.org) **by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015.**

This application needs to include the following:

- a) Name and qualifications of the primary supervisor/mentor and any secondary mentors.
- b) A description of the students' project, including: specific aims, methods, population to be accessed, and significance of the project.
- c) The group of workers/patients that the students will be working with. **A letter(s) of commitment is required from the union, clinic, or other organization where the students will access the population involved in the project.**

**The description and methods of the project is expected to be no longer than one page, single spaced.*

Questions about the application should be addressed to Ken Rosenman (Rosenman@msu.edu).

More general questions about OHIP should be addressed to Bob Harrison (Robert.Harrison@ucsf.edu).