

Indiana Rural Health Association Public Health Field Experience Fellowship

The Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) was organized in 1997 and since that time has grown and strengthened its membership. Our mission is simple: we work to improve the health of all Hoosiers in rural settings. This improved health and well-being for rural populations in Indiana is achieved through leadership, education, advocacy, collaboration and resource development.

IRHA is currently the home of multiple networks to support our mission. For example, IRHA is the home of the Indiana Statewide Rural Health Network (InSHRN) which is a network of 29 hospitals and 1 rural health clinic. IRHA is also the home of the Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center, which is one of 13 in the country to provide resources on telehealth services to anyone across Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois. In addition, IRHA is working on multiple community public health initiatives around the state of Indiana. Several of our networks and initiatives are supported by both federal and state level grants.

Academic Information and Fellowship Requirements

Applicant Requirements: The applicant must be currently enrolled in the MPH Program in the School of Public Health-Bloomington and pursuing a MPH degree.

In order to apply and be considered, the applicant must be in the second year of the MPH program and have met all of the pre-requisites and degree requirements at the time the fellowship is awarded for the Field Experience in Public Health course.

The applicant must have a G.P.A. at a 3.50 or higher at the time of application. The applicant's current transcripts must be included with the application materials.

The applicant must complete the Indiana Rural Health Association Public Health Field Experience Fellowship Application, available from the Indiana Rural Health Association webpage (<http://www.indianaruralhealth.org/student/>) by March 31, 2016. The applicant must indicate in the document that he/she would like to be considered for the fellowship. The recipient will be chosen by the administration and staff at the Indiana Rural Health Association. All applicants will be notified if they are invited for an interview by April 4th.

Fellowship Amount: The fellowship recipient will be awarded \$1,500 to the student's bursar account and the equivalent of in-state tuition for three credit hours to be applied towards the tuition fees associated with the Field Experience credit hours.

In addition, the student will be granted funding to attend the Indiana Rural Health Association annual meeting at French Lick June 20th-22nd. This includes: registration, lodging, and meals.

Up to two students are award this fellowship during the academic year.

Requirements of the Indiana Rural Health Association

Program Overview:

Students involved in an internship with the Indiana Rural Health Association will be exposed to many different aspects of public health. Interns will work closely with staff members as well as complete a designated project. Interns gain vital career experience while assisting with our mission to improve the health of all Hoosiers in rural Indiana.

Who is eligible?

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How to apply?

You can download the internship application going to <http://www.indianaruralhealth.org/student/> or contact us so we can send you an application. You can return the completed application and recent resume by email to Cody Mullen, information listed below. Applications will be reviewed three times a year. Selected applicants will be asked to interview for an internship position. The interview will either occur on the IUB campus or via phone/video-conferencing.

When to apply?

Internships are generally offered three times a year. Please see the table below to determine when is the best time to apply. The starting date, ending date and hours are general and will be individualized in your Memorandum of Understanding. We will work hard to make sure the internship will fill your needs.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Starting Date (Estimate)</i>	<i>Ending Date (Estimate)</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>
Summer	May 1st	August 31st	March 30 th
Fall	September 1st	December 31st	May 15 th
Spring	January 1st	April 30 th	October 31 st

Internship Objectives:

- To gain a basic understanding of how the Indiana Rural Health Association operates within the state across programs focusing on public health, healthcare delivery sites, and in our current advocacy activities at the state and federal level.
- To gain as much experience as possible in the field of public health. This may include assisting staff members in implementing and evaluating programs for public health administration and

healthcare improvements, educational programs, writing grants and development of project ideas, and assisting with community healthcare needs assessments.

- To establish networking opportunities throughout the community by working with established community partnerships, schools and government agencies.
- To gain experience in research, evaluation and analysis of public health programming as well as the requirements of public health accreditation.

Contact Cody Mullen, PhD Candidate more information:

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7. What are your interests? Is there any particular area of public health in which you are interested? Do you have any ideas for projects?

8. What are your career goals?

9. What do you hope to get out of an internship with the Indiana Rural Health Association?

10. Why would you like to like to work with the Indiana Rural Health Association?

11. What is the best way to contact you?

Please list the contact information for two references (a letter of recommendation should not be submitted at this stage)

Academic Reference Name: _____

Academic Reference Email: _____

Work Reference Name (A community member if no work reference): _____

Work Reference Email (A community member if no work reference): _____

Please email the completed application, along with a copy of your unofficial transcript and a recent resume, to cmullen@indianarha.org.

Thank you for your interest in completing an internship with the Indiana Rural Health Association. For more information, contact Cody Mullen at 812-478-3919 ext. 233.