



New Jersey Division on Civil Rights Public Health Externship Application

The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (DCR) seeks one (1) highly-motivated Public Health student with a passion for protecting civil rights to participate in its spring semester externship program. The internship will offer a student interested in health care and public policy with an opportunity to gain experience in policy development and implementation for a statewide civil rights agency. The public health intern will work primarily on issues related to racial and ethnic health disparities that DCR is interested in which include: COVID-19, drug testing during pregnancy, and various civil rights violations as a public health concern.

DCR is the division in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office that is responsible for combating discrimination and addressing hate and prejudice in New Jersey. DCR enforces New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination (LAD), the oldest state civil rights statute in the country. It does so by investigating civil rights complaints and bringing appropriate enforcement actions and by issuing regulations, guidance documents and fact sheets to explain the LAD. DCR also issues reports and hosts trainings and conferences with employers, community groups, and other stakeholders to raise the profile of important civil rights issues. Spring semester externs will work closely with DCR legal and outreach staff to help develop legal, regulatory, and policy strategies that use a public health framework to protect the civil rights of New Jersey residents.

They will have opportunities to research and draft guidance documents, fact sheets, and reports. Externs will also be able to attend workshops and trainings that will develop their outreach and policy skills. The public health intern will work closely with the Policy Advisor and Legal Specialists within DCR's Strategic Initiatives and Enforcement Unit.

To apply, please submit the following application materials to externships@njcivilrights.gov by **January 31, 2020:**

- 1) Cover Letter**
- 2) Resume**
- 3) Brief writing sample of no more than 10 pages that is unedited by others**
- 4) Unofficial college or graduate transcript**

Preference will be given students pursuing a Masters in Public Health or related degree to graduate Public Health students but undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Public Health are encouraged to apply. In the cover letter, please indicate whether you plan to receive course credit for the externship. Please note that you must complete a Confidential Background Investigation Clearance Form if you intend to accept an offer for a position in the externship program.

DCR staff is currently operating remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If/when we return to in-office working externs will be permitted to work from any of our four (4) locations which include: Atlantic City, Cherry Hill, Newark and Trenton. We encourage all interested students, including those who may not be able to join us physically to apply.

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For more information, click here: www.nj.gov/oag/diversity-inclusion/reports.html.