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Maryland Department of Health Student Internship Project

**INCENTIVIZING PROVIDER SERVICE IN MARYLAND'S
UNDERSERVED AREAS: ANALYSIS OF THE MARYLAND REPAYMENT PROGRAMS'
IMPACT**

Summer 2024

Duration: May 28 to August 2*

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SCHEDULE AND STIPEND

This project is being offered through the **University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: *MPowering the State*** (<http://mpower.maryland.edu>) – a formal collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park.

The University of Maryland Strategic Partnership provides the funding for the program.

- The selected student(s) will receive either \$5,500 or \$6,500 for a 400-hour project conducted over a 10- week period in Spring/Summer, mutually defined and agreed upon by the student(s) and mentor. The stipend will be determined based on the student's education enrollment: undergraduate program students will be paid \$5,500, and graduate degree program students will be paid \$6,500.
- At the end of the term, the student will write and/or present a short white paper on their completed project to the Joint Steering Council on/about September 1. The default schedule is from **May 28 – August 2***.
- The student must be enrolled in the Fall 2024 semester to be considered a participant in the program.
- This project is expected to be delivered via a hybrid delivery approach consisting of remote activities online, through email, by phone, or by video conference, and may require some in-person activities. Travel to, and parking at MDH is the responsibility of the student. (MDH is located at state center in Baltimore City, accessible by car, bus, subway, or light rail.)

***Flexibilities to complete the 10 weeks of research may be considered on a case-by-case basis**



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ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) School of Business, School of Public Health to include Master's of Public Health (MPH) students or doctoral degree (PhD) students

OR

University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, or School of Medicine (medical degree (MD), Master's in Public Health (MPH), or MD-Masters dual-degree) students

IDEAL CANDIDATE

This project is appropriate for detail-oriented and independent students with skills in writing, research, and analytics. The candidate should have an understanding of and experience with evaluation planning and implementation; hold a general knowledge of public health; be proficient in Microsoft Excel and have the capacity to utilize Google applications (e.g. Google Docs).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Purpose/Mission of Agency/Organization: The Office of Population Health Improvement seeks to transform public health through stewardship of data, partnerships, and funding initiatives to develop innovative health policy and improve the health infrastructure of Maryland.

Background: The [Maryland Loan Repayment Programs](#), including the federally-funded State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) and State-funded Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Programs (MLARP) provide educational loan repayment to practitioners in exchange for service in healthcare provider shortage areas. The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Health Care Workforce Development facilitates an ever-expanding portfolio of program monitoring and evaluation activities to include analysis of program applicants, awardees, and the impact of program participants' on healthcare access throughout the state, among other areas of interest.

Project Goals:

The intern will provide support to the Office of Health Care Workforce Development by working towards goals similar to the following:

1. Cleaning and analyzing available data for the 2024 application and award cycle;
2. Further developing drafted report templates for current and future years;
3. Writing narratives regarding the 2024 cohort and documenting trends from 2020 to 2024; and
4. Presenting report findings, as requested, by internal and external partners.

Examples of work the intern could accomplish during the placement: The intern will utilize and improve upon existing program evaluation planning and protocols to clean, analyze, and report out with narrative and graphics, a profile of the 2024 cohort of program applicants and awardees, developing content regarding trends and insights from prior years' cohort data/analysis.

Practice Activities: The following are public health practice activities being accomplished through the project:

- Develop strategy to conduct quantitative data analysis and reporting;
- Attend and participate in inter and/or intra agency meetings, as relevant;
- Provide written and verbal reports; and
- Recommend potential process improvements as appropriate.



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To apply for this position:

Go to the [MPower-MDH Student Internship Application](#) and follow the instructions.

Applications will be accepted & reviewed on a *rolling basis*. The final deadline to apply is **11:59 PM on Sunday, February 25, 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact Fiana Romero, fromero@som.umaryland.edu (Senior Program Specialist, Office of Student Research, UM School of Medicine).