

2009 Morehouse School of Medicine/National Indian Health Board

Public Health Summer Fellowship Program

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) believes in the importance of building the public health workforce, where American Indians and Alaska Natives have the capacity to address the health needs of their own communities.

Committed to this goal, the NIHB has partnered with the Morehouse School of Medicine, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and the Minority Health Professions Foundation to implement the second annual NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship Program for American Indian and Alaska Native students.

NIHB would like to reach a large number of interested candidates and we need your help. Please encourage promising young college students or recent college graduates to apply to this summer's fellowship!

About the MSM/NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship:

The MSM/NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship is directed toward rising junior, senior undergraduate American Indians and Alaska Natives. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the MSM/NIHB Public Health Fellows will be individually mentored and trained for 9 weeks in health policy, programming, and research practices and engage with the Tribal Leaders helping the CDC implement its Tribal Consultation Policy.

Fellows will be provided with:

- Housing
- Meals
- Local transportation and travel allowances during their fellowship
- **A full stipend upon completing the program**

Applications and a general program description for the MSM/NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship are available online:

http://www.msm.edu/Area_Pages/Education/Master_of_Public_Health_Program/Public_Health_Summer_Fellows_Program.htm

Please note: Application deadline is February 26, 2010 at 5:00pm, EST.

Program Outline

The MSM/NIHB Public Health Summer Fellows program is an academically rigorous and intensive nine (9) week summer program. Students will experience firsthand the excitement, relevance and promise of careers in Public Health. The program's focus includes:

- Principles of Epidemiology
- Disease Surveillance/Investigation
- Community Based Public Health Research

The program commences with a week course to provide students with a foundation in the principles of epidemiology. The program then combines this academic knowledge with direct hands-on field experience. Using the combined resources of program sponsors and collaborators, students are placed into community based public health internships. During this eight-week fellowship, participants work with professional mentors who are at the forefront of researching the nation's priority public health issues. Students will participate in weekly seminars and learn how to analyze important health

policy, programming and research issues. During the final week of the program Fellows participate in a symposium and provide oral presentations on their internship experiences.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and enrolled as rising junior or senior undergraduate students or have received an undergraduate degree within six months prior to the application deadline. Applicants must be American Indian or Alaska Native and be able to provide supporting documentation as we move forward with the award process.

Student selection is based on criteria of:

- GPA
- Statement of Interest (student essay)
- Recommendations
- Leadership ability and skill

Application and Admissions

Application Deadline: February 26, 2010 5:00pm EST

Make certain that your completed application packet include the following: application, resume, 2 letters of recommendation, statement of interest and an essay stating career objectives. Official transcripts must be mailed directly from academic institutions. Completed packages and transcripts must be received by the application deadline.

Please be sure to write within your application that you are applying for the NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship. All applications must be sent to the Morehouse School of Medicine.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact:

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