

Spring 2017 ISGMH Internships

Interns are expected to work approximately 10 hours/week for 6 months. Spring internships will run from approximately February-August 2017. At this time, ISGMH internships are unpaid.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 9TH, 2017

Project VOICE Intern

About Project VOICE

Project VOICE (Visualizing Our Identities, Connections, and Environments) is a mixed-methods project that explores how networks, venues, and neighborhoods function as risk environments for young men who have sex with men of different racial groups. It also explores how structural factors like stigma and discrimination may shape racial differences in risk environments. The project incorporates the voices and lived experiences of young men who have sex with men into understandings about multilevel drivers of HIV.

Responsibilities

The Project VOICE Intern will assist with interview transcription and will potentially assist with qualitative coding and analysis.

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications include typing proficiency and interest in transcription, qualitative data analysis, and mixed methods. Qualitative experience is a plus but is not required.

What you'll learn as a Project VOICE Intern

The Project VOICE intern will gain qualitative data collection and analysis experience, increased knowledge about racial disparities in HIV among YMSM, increased familiarity with NIH funded projects, 1:1 mentoring, and the potential for working on student presentations.

RADAR Intern

About the RADAR Project

RADAR is a longitudinal cohort study of young men who have sex with men (YMSM) as well as transgender women and non-binary DMAB individuals that engages the physical, sexual, mental, and social aspects of an individual's health, and how they relate to one another. With over 1,000 participants, RADAR is one of the largest studies of its type ever conducted, with a diverse cohort of Chicago-based individuals ranging in age from 16 to 29. The goal of the RADAR project is to identify and understand the connections among sexually transmitted infections (like HIV), drug and alcohol use, and romantic or sexual relationship patterns over time.

Responsibilities

The RADAR intern may engage in a number of tasks, including but not limited to Participant Contact and Engagement, Retention & Recruitment, in addition to administrative tasks. The RADAR intern has a variety of responsibilities that can range depending on the interns' strengths and ability to commit to longer term projects. For example, past interns who have prior training in HIV, mental health, or are able to commit for longer periods of time have been trained to conduct interviews, testing, and other tasks with the project.

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications include familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel, familiarity with the LGBTQ community and HIV & AIDS, and an interest in LGBTQ health disparities. Preferred qualifications include experience working in/with community-based organizations, training in HIV testing and counseling.

What you'll learn on the RADAR Project

RADAR interns routinely gain community-based bio-behavioral data collection and analysis experience, increased knowledge about HIV & AIDS and the LGBTQ community in Chicago, 1-on-1 mentorship, and the potential to work on student presentations. At times interns have gained training in clinical skills such as Suicide Risk Assessments, HIV Testing and Counseling, and the administration of a variety of bio-behavioral measures.

Evaluation Intern

About the Evaluation Center

The Evaluation Center is funded by the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to evaluate and provide technical assistance to 20 programs funded to deliver HIV prevention interventions to HIV-positive and HIV-negative Chicago residents. Consisting of a partnership among ISGMH/EDIT, the Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology (Ce-PIM) in Drug Abuse and HIV, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC), the Evaluation Center has taken an Empowerment Evaluation approach to provide communities with the skills needed to conduct their own evaluation activities.

Responsibilities

The Evaluation Intern will assist with tracking all interactions with grantee sites, and may be asked to attend offsite meetings at community-based organizations. They will conduct literature reviews for dissemination products, and may assist with the writing or analysis involved in the project, depending on skill set.

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications include experience working with sexual and gender minority populations and people living with HIV; interest in community-engaged research. Preferred qualifications include experience with conducting literature reviews, writing scientifically, and running basic statistical analyses; experience working in/with community-based organizations.

What you'll learn as an Evaluation Intern

The Evaluation Intern will gain exposure to and experience with conducting community-engaged research and evaluation activities in the realm of HIV prevention. They will become familiar with the landscape of HIV prevention in Chicago, learn basic concepts of program evaluation, and be involved in the process of scientific dissemination.

SMART Program Research Intern

About SMART Program

SMART Program is a multi-tiered, national online HIV prevention study funded by the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. It is an interactive and engaging intervention tailored to ethnically diverse adolescent men who have sex with men (MSM who are 13-18 years old). Its goals are to educate MSM participants on basic sexual health, teach positive sexual health decision-making through scenario and activity-based learning, and in some instances, use internet-mediated counseling to address individual participant health issues. SMART Program is currently being conducted as a multi-site randomized control trial by researchers at Northwestern University in Chicago, Hunter College in New York City, University of Puerto Rico, and North Carolina State University.

Responsibilities

This intervention is in its initial phases of construction so SMART Program Research Intern duties may be diverse, and interns may be involved in other research projects as needed. The intern in this position will assist in: prepping and sending out project-related materials to participants, contacting participants via email/phone/text message, creating literature reviews and/or reports, data entry and analysis, focus group transcription, assisting in various in-person and online outreach activities, and manuscript preparation.

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications include strong communication skills, strong academic research-writing skills; strong organizational skills, ability to work independently, basic computer skills, and the ability to work on/around the downtown Northwestern Campus. Preferred qualifications include experience or interest in sexual health education or HIV prevention in communities of color, experience or interest in gay or bisexual men's health.

What you'll learn as a SMART Program Research Intern

The SMART Program Research Intern will gain exposure to and experience with conducting internet-mediated research and evaluation activities in the realm of HIV prevention. They will become familiar with the landscape of online HIV prevention, learn basic concepts of program evaluation, and be involved in the process of scientific dissemination.