Background

Academic Health Department (AHD) partnership establishes formal affiliation agreements between public health departments and academic institutions creating an learning environment similar to a “teaching hospital” that increases collaboration between public health education, research, and service delivery. Pima County Health Department (PCHD), through its Internship Program and Academic Health Department activities, seeks to develop and make stronger relationships with the University of Arizona Health Sciences College, and other colleges and universities to lessen the separation between academia and practice for increased collaboration.

This endeavor supports innovative public health practices and approaches, increase collaborative student and public health practitioner engagement, identify creative educational opportunities, promote public health careers, and engages in program planning and development.

Position Summary

The Pima County Health Department is seeking an intern(s) to develop a strategic academic health department plan that incorporates existing activities along with new and innovative approaches that generates greater cross-integration and collaborative engagement between academia and public health practice.

The strategy and tasks for this project include:

- Conducting a collaborative investigative review of AHD partnership plans and initiatives
- Collecting data and feedback of year one activities, ending June 2020
- Analyzing data and generating report of findings
- Designing the action plan and activities for second year, beginning July 2020
- Assisting PCHD leadership team with planning and organizing the second annual AHD summit in collaboration with Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health faculty and staff and national public health partners, scheduled for November 5 – 7, 2020

The internship will provide the intern(s) with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in developing and designing public health program plans, as well as gaining exposure to current public health research. The intern(s) will also gain experience working with an interdisciplinary team of public health professionals. Intern(s) will participate in reviewing and gathering data to analyze common attributes that create an academic health department, assist in the planning and development of the second annual Academic Health Department Summit, and conduct a literature of other academic health departments and colleges for AHD best practices.

Preference

The ideal student will be enrolled in a University of Arizona Health Sciences College (i.e., Public Health, Pharmacy, Nursing or Medicine) or other college, and be able to work independently and in teams, have excellent written and
oral communication skills; have strong organizational skills, and be interested in public health administration, and/or policy and program development.

This is an unpaid position with a flexible work schedule.

How to Apply

Completed and submit the internship application

Immediate submissions are welcome and will be reviewed promptly. No phone calls, please.