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Maxwell School of
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Lerner Center for Public Health
Promotion & Population Health

Lerner Center Undergraduate Internship Application Process

The Lerner Center conducts, coordinates, and promotes population and community health research, education, and outreach on the social, spatial, and structural determinants of physical, mental, and behavioral health. The Center is housed within the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. With over 30 faculty affiliates from sociology, psychology, economics, public health, medicine, and public administration, the Lerner Center's approach to research and education is both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary.

The Lerner Center also develops and promotes Healthy Monday programs. Healthy Monday is a national public health initiative to end chronic preventable diseases by offering weekly prompts to support people and organizations in starting and sustaining healthy behaviors.

Undergraduate Internship Opportunities:

Undergraduate internship opportunities with the Lerner Center are based on the Center's need and a student's experience and interests. The Lerner Center offers three types of internships.

1. *Health Programming*: This intern will work closely with the Assistant Director on Healthy Monday Programming, including program development, implementation, and evaluation.
2. *Population Health Research Briefs*: This intern will work closely with the Director to produce issue briefs or data slices for our Population Health Research Brief Series. This includes conducting literature reviews or analyzing publicly available data to craft a publishable brief on a health topic of interest. Some research interns will also be invited to participate in Lerner Center research projects which provide opportunities for students to build research and professional skills.
3. *Health Communications*: This intern will aid in developing digital communications for the Lerner Center. This may include digital newsletter development and dissemination, social media content development, tracking analytics and providing recommendations, and fostering and developing social media relationships.
4. *Engagement & Program Support*: This intern will work closely with the Undergraduate Student Engagement Manager to support campus engagement programs, event planning, and educational initiatives. Responsibilities may include assisting in the formatting and design of marketing materials, implementing outreach campaigns, organizing events such as the Social

Impact Competition, and coordinating program logistics. This role provides hands-on experience in public health promotion, relationship management, and strategic communications, with opportunities to collaborate across various Syracuse University departments

Mentorship: Your internship will include weekly or bi-weekly meetings with Lerner Center staff to provide support, guidance, and learning opportunities. We realize a large part of professional development is the opportunity to ask questions, receive feedback, and become more connected to leaders in your field of interest. As an Intern, the Lerner team will help you gain skills and build your network to advance you toward your academic and career goals.

Internship Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled at Syracuse University as a full-time matriculated undergraduate student.
- Must be a sophomore or higher (or a highly qualified freshman).
- Must be available to work a minimum of 8-10 hours per week during the Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters.
- Must have an interest in population or public health.

Application Process:

Submit the following materials to Lerner Center Student Engagement Manager, Vicente Cuevas at vcuevas@syr.edu

- CV or Resume
- One-page cover letter that explains your interest in working with the Lerner Center and how your experiences and/or coursework qualify you for your desired internship placement. Please indicate if this internship request is related to a course or degree requirement.
- Writing sample related to population or public health:
 - For the Health Programming internship, the sample should provide evidence of your ability to develop or advocate for public health programming.
 - For the Research internship, the writing sample should demonstrate your ability to conduct data analysis and/or demonstrate your ability to synthesize peer-reviewed research.
 - For the Health Communications internship, the sample should include representative social media posts or other forms of digital communication.

The Lerner Center will review applications on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified if their materials and requested semester and hours match with the needs of the Lerner Center.