2020 Summer Health Policy Internship

USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics

2020 Summer Session: July 27, 2020 - August 14, 2020

The Schaeffer Center Summer Internship Program is open to high school students (LA County Residents Only), undergraduate and graduate students interested in health policy and health economics. The position is unpaid and is targeted to students interested in gaining experience and exposure to the field. Interns are selected on a competitive basis. The program seeks to create a challenging and rewarding academic experience for the intern and to increase the intern’s knowledge and interest in topics in health policy and economics. Housing is not provided.

Please submit a 1-page Letter of Intent and updated CV. The letter should include your School, USC ID number (if applicable), Date of Birth, Year, Research Interest, what you want to get out of the program and how you heard about it. Email the letter to Briana Taylor, brianawah@usc.edu, program manager, on or before Monday, June 8th.

The program is highly individualized; the activities will be determined by the intern and his/her mentor and may include:

- Assisting faculty working on health policy research
- Creating an independent research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor
- Developing creative strategies to communicate with internal and external audiences using tools
- Supporting the planning for Schaeffer Center events.

About the Mentor

The mentor is responsible for creating a challenging academic experience and for mentoring the interns, which includes tracking his/her progress and adjusting the project to the intern’s abilities.

Length of Program

The mentor and intern may jointly determine the amount of time the intern dedicates to the program and may depend upon the project and availability of the mentor/intern. Recommend 3-4 days per week for 3 weeks.

(Optional) USC Diversity in Healthcare Leadership Initiative:

Interested applicants may separately apply for an enrichment internship program offered through USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. Please click here for more information and for the application for the Health Leadership Initiative program.

*Please indicate in your LOI if you have applied for the Healthcare Leadership Initiative.