

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site  
Job Description Information Sheet  
Summer 2018**

**Organization Name:**

Public Health Ethics Unit, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**Internship Supervisor:**

Primary Supervisor:

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**Organization's Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. To accomplish this mission, CDC monitors health, investigates health problems, and

promotes sound public health policies and programs. CDC core values—respect, integrity, and accountability—serve as the foundation for all activities at the agency.

The Office of the Associate Director for Science (OADS) is responsible for ensuring integrity and excellence in science at CDC. In 2005, the Public Health Ethics Unit within OADS launched a public health ethics initiative that established the CDC Public Health Ethics Committee (PHEC). The mission of the Public Health Ethics Unit and PHEC is to provide leadership in public health ethics at CDC and to work with CDC staff to integrate the tools of ethical analysis into decisions and day-to-day activities across CDC.

**Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:**

The Public Health Ethics Unit collaborates with PHEC to identify, analyze, and resolve ethical issues that arise in public health practice at CDC. Activities include a consultation process for any CDC program facing an area of ethical uncertainty or conflict for which it seeks guidance. Other activities include educational trainings and seminars on both general and specific public health ethics topics that are open to all CDC staff. For staff at state and local health departments, the Public Health Ethics Unit has also developed a training manual, online training, a repository of public health ethics case studies, and an open access public health ethics casebook. The casebook highlights global perspectives on the ethical challenges of public health practice and is available free of charge at <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-319-23847-0>. Members of the Public Health Ethics Unit and PHEC also provide input on ethical issues associated with CDC’s emergency response efforts through the CDC Emergency Operations Center Ethics Desk.

**Intern’s title:**

Pubic Health Ethics Intern

**Number of interns requested by your organization?**

One

**Internship project/job description:**

This placement will provide interns with hands-on experience in day-to-day public health ethics activities at the nation’s premiere public health agency. The intern will work with the Public Health Ethics Unit on a variety of activities that may occur while the intern is at CDC, including participating in public health ethics consults. Efforts will be made to identify a project that reflects both the intern’s interests and the current needs of CDC. This project potentially could include the development of a case study or the exploration of an ethical concern associated with one of CDC’s programmatic areas. The intern is expected to present an overview of his or her project during the June PHEC meeting to be held on 26, 2018 from 10:30 - noon. Expected work hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

**Qualifications:**

The position is open to graduate level Emory University students enrolled in either a master's or doctoral level degree program who have an interest in the intersection of ethics and public health. Knowledge of basic ethical and health/science concepts, good critical reasoning and analysis skills, and an ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing are important for this position. Some experience with public health practice is desirable but not required.

**If there are other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.) please note them here:**

Security clearance (including finger printing) and proof of health insurance are required.

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?**

No

**Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?**

Yes