Organization Name: Urban Health Initiative

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Organization’s Mission Statement: “UHI provides health disparities education and advocacy, builds collaborative partnerships and develops best practice models with underserved communities and those who work with them in Metropolitan Atlanta to advance equity in health and well-being.”

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services: UHI has 25 projects that address urban health challenges and the social determinants of health. One of our focus areas is the education and training of current and future health care professionals, and one of the projects in that area is the Health Careers Academy (HCA).

The Health Career Academy is an innovative link between high school students and teaching partners in health and medicine—designed to bring to life the possibilities of further studies and careers in medicine and the allied health sciences. This program centers on inspiration, cultivating a feeling of real potential, and awakening a sense of vision and purpose in students’ educational journey. It is an opportunity to build meaningful relationships between a cohort of high school students at an early state in their development and a team of dedicated older students and health care professionals who are immersed in the practice of delivering medical care and health services.

Spread across three years of carefully constructed programming, the HCA model offers an approach to capture students and spark excitement in the 10th grade, deepen specific knowledge and insights in the 11th grade, and then apply the experience and understanding in community health leadership roles in the 12th grade. Each year is
designed to build on the learning and confidence of the previous year while also offering a self-contained experience of meaning and value to all who participate.

Mission (of HCA): To provide mentorship, engaging health curriculum, and exposure to health careers to high school students from low-income, underrepresented minority communities.

Goals:
1. engage students in project-based learning with a focus on science and health care related issues
2. encourage students to graduate from high school
3. model a diverse range of health-related career pathways
4. empower students to identify the most pressing health needs in their community and engage students in community-based health promotion activities.

Intern’s title: Health Careers Academy Coordinator

Number of interns requested by this organization? 1

Internship project/job description:
- Recruit interprofessional volunteers for mentoring role (SOM, SON, SPH, etc.)
- Maintain and track google doc with volunteer availability
- Coordinate calendar with partner schools for mentee visits and training sessions
- Coordinate schedule and implementation of Kick Off and Finale events (food, supplies, awards, PR, etc.)

Qualifications: A desire to work with an organization dedicated to addressing the social determinants of health in low-resourced communities. A willingness and desire to interact with the community members, particularly high school students.

Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here: On-boarding as a UHI volunteer, which will require CITI training

Will the internship require that the student have a car? Much of this can be done remotely, but there will be times when student will need transportation, such as the Kick Off and the Finale events.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options? The schools where the events are likely to take place are most likely served by public transportation.