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Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) & Cities Changing Diabetes – Philadelphia Internship Opportunities

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Organization and Program Description

The [Health Care Improvement Foundation](#) (HCIF) is an independent, nonprofit organization that drives high-value health care through stakeholder collaboration and targeted quality improvement initiatives. HCIF envisions a responsive, coordinated health care community that fulfills the needs of patients and consumers, and achieves better health. HCIF currently serves as a local Philadelphia partner supporting Cities Changing Diabetes – Philadelphia. [Cities Changing Diabetes](#), a global program sponsored by Novo Nordisk, is a private/public partnership that helps communities understand their unique diabetes challenges, identify areas and populations at greatest risk, and design and implement targeted solutions. It brings together medical and public health institutions, communities of faith, employers, insurers, and non-profit organizations and other local stakeholders to collaboratively help improve diabetes prevention, care and management. The program launched in the US in Houston in 2014 and in Philadelphia in 2019.

Cities Changing Diabetes – Philadelphia recently entered its Action Phase, launching an Innovation Challenge using an [online platform](#) where stakeholders develop and submit ideas for improving diabetes prevention and management. The top ten ideas, to be identified in early August, will move to the next stage and be developed into full proposals by multi-sector Action Work Groups made up of local stakeholders. Proposals will compete for initial funding at a “shark tank” style virtual pitch event in the fall. The top five ideas will move to implementation that will continue into 2021.

We are seeking graduate level students in public health or other health professions to support Action Work Groups in developing ideas into full proposals, and moving top proposals into implementation. Under HCIF’s supervision and guidance, students will work closely with Action Work Group members to build an evidence base through literature reviews, develop timelines and program plans, generate

budgets, and create presentations. This opportunity is ideal for students with interests in program planning, chronic disease management and prevention, community health, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Time Frame, Commitment, and Work Environment

Hours, timeline, and structure can be tailored to meet student needs and academic requirements. Ideally, students will be available to start in late August or early September, and continue through December. Minimum commitment of 3-4 hours per week, which includes participation in Action Work Group meetings that may be scheduled during the day, evenings, or weekends, depending on members' preferences. All efforts will be made to accommodate student schedules.

All work will be carried out remotely. Students will be expected to use their own computer and equipment. This is an unpaid internship.

Desired Skills:

- Strong interest in program planning, chronic disease management and prevention, community health, and/or multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Strong research skills including competence with literature review, program planning, and proposal development
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Willingness to work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team
- Flexibility and strong time management skills
- Professional presence and good presentation skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

For questions about this internship opportunity, please contact HCIF Project Coordinator Jibreel Oliver, joliver@hcfonline.org. To apply, interested students should send a cover letter, resume, and short (1-2 pages) writing sample to Susan Cosgrove, scosgrove@hcfonline.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.