

Summer 2017 Internships with Physicians for a National Health Program

The Vermont Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (pnhp.org) is offering two, five-week summer internships for current first-year medical students. The internships include an educational component, outreach, and an independent project of the intern's choosing.

Interns will receive a stipend of \$1250 for the 5-week period.

Interns will help develop their own objectives, but some objectives for the internship include:

- understand the range of barriers to access for health care, including how population density and geography impact access to care, physician recruitment and retention, and optimal distribution of health care infrastructure and service
- be able to explain why health care cannot follow free market principles to control costs
- understand the shortfalls of the Affordable Care Act, now in effect
- compare health care systems in Europe and Canada
- be able to apply the human rights framework for assessing policy and legislation with respect to health systems

Interns will have the opportunity to:

- visit Federally Qualified Rural Health Centers and Free Clinics;
- interview one or more current or former members of the Green Mountain Care Board;
- read about and participate in discussions of the mixture of health care financing and delivery in the US; alternate health care delivery systems; challenges of accomplishing health care reform on the state level vs. national level, and role of pharmaceutical companies in rising health care costs in the US compared to other countries;
- connect with physicians, other health care providers, and other resources as needed in the development of the intern's project.

Students will need their own transportation, computer, and cell phone. Some housing may be available to reduce travel time for students studying different parts of the state.

Even though interviews may begin sooner, all applications received by February 15 will be considered.

- [Review the job description and instructions for applying on the webpage](#)
- [View the VT PNHP Proposal](#)
- [Download the Program Application](#)

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