Department of Public Health
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philly Forward Summer Internship

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) announces that it is now accepting applications for its *Philly Forward* summer internship program. This eight-week paid internship is designed to provide pre-professional training to those interested in pursuing careers in public health. Each *Philly Forward* intern will work directly with PDPH leaders on a specific project or projects involving data collection, data analysis, program implementation, preparation of reports, and/or community engagement. Each intern will also learn about the Department's multiple functions though staff presentations and field trips. The salary for this position is $18 per hour. **The internship will begin on June 7 and conclude on July 30, 2027.**

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), with some 900 staff and a budget of $350 million, promotes and protects the health of all Philadelphians and provides a safety net for the most vulnerable. The agency leads programs to prevent communicable diseases; prevent chronic diseases and promote healthy behaviors; prevent environmental health risks; investigate outbreaks of disease; respond to public health emergencies; and promote the health of women, children, and families. In addition, the department operates eight primary care clinics. PDPH has been on the vanguard of public health, proposing policy solutions to problems like smoking, gun violence, and opioid overdose deaths, and intends to continue that tradition with creative solutions to both long-standing urban health problems and new crises. Most recently, PDPH has taken the lead on the City of Philadelphia's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Application Process

Eligibility and Application Materials

You are eligible to apply if you are enrolled at a college or university at the time of the internship and are working towards a **baccalaureate** degree. **Please note, this opportunity excludes those with advanced degrees. Additionally, we highly encourage candidates from Philadelphia to apply as we intend to give preference to local applicants.**

To apply, electronically submit:

- A cover letter describing why you are interested in the internship;
- A resume that summarizes your educational experience, your work experience, and your skills;
- A **short** writing sample (1-3 pages in length; for example, a paper that you wrote for a class assignment or an article that you wrote for a school publication);
- A recent undergraduate transcript (unofficial is fine); and,
- The names and contact information for two persons who can serve as references, one of whom is a faculty member. A formal recommendation letter is not necessary.

The deadline for the application is **Friday, December 18, 2026** applications should be sent **to PDPHPFI@phila.gov**.