



Community Health Internship Program

The Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program (BTG CHIP) provides health-related service to underserved populations while training community responsive health and social service professionals. BTG is a paid 7-week summer internship for health profession students between their first and second year of studies. Interns are placed at a community agency based on their interest, and spend four days per week there, and one day per week in workshops. BTG is a consortium of universities in the Philadelphia area of which UMDNJ is a Network Affiliate.

The program runs for seven weeks in the summer. Interns are paid \$3,000 for the summer. Students apply by completing a one page application and brief personal statement about why participating in BTG is important to you.

To be eligible, students must attend one of the eight schools of UMDNJ, be in good-standing, having completed their first year in their program. The program is appropriate for students with an interest in working in the community and who feel like they can learn from this experience. Because this program is partially funded through the federal work study program, accepted students must complete the requisite FAFSA forms and demonstrate financial need to be eligible for the program.

Students work 40 hours per week, which consists of 4 full work-days at an assigned community site and one full-day of didactic sessions. Most community sites are in Camden; however, several are in New Brunswick and Newark. Some Wednesday sessions may be in Piscataway at the UMDNJ-SPH building; however, most, including the **main student orientation** will be **in Philadelphia**. Wednesday sessions include a morning workshop followed by small group discussion of work at your sites as well as planning for the NJ Project. **Attendance is mandatory at ALL Wednesday sessions, at the Heart Smart Dinner in Philadelphia in July and at the BTG Annual Symposium in Philadelphia (date TBA).**

For more information e-mail us at westbm@umdnj.edu. You may also go to the Bridging the Gaps website at: www.bridgingthegaps.info