



## Gap Year Opportunities

Have you ever considered taking a gap year? Many University of Chicago students who plan to apply to health professions schools decide to take a gap year upon graduation to gain more direct clinical experience, advance their research skills, or explore another side of health and medicine by working with people either by teaching, community organizing, or participating in public health initiatives or health policy. A gap year is an opportunity for you to explore something that you may not have the opportunity to do as an undergraduate or as a graduate student. It can truly be an amazing opportunity that often helps shape your future career. Professional schools like to see applicants who can demonstrate that they possess a variety of real world skills and experiences. If you are looking for something to do in between undergrad and medical school, dental school, vet school, graduate school, etc. you should consider looking into some of the opportunities listed below. These opportunities range in duration from a few weeks, to a summer, to a year, to even a couple of years. If you are considering going abroad or committing to more than one gap year, it is important to speak with your pre-health advisor about the best timeline for you to apply for schools in.

Please note that this list is a sampling of the opportunities that are available to you for a gap year. If you would like to explore additional resources or to discuss more about what you may be interested in doing upon graduation before entering a graduate or professional program, you may want to consider scheduling an appointment with UChicago Careers In Health Professions. You can schedule an appointment by calling 773-702-8611 or by sending an email to [ucihp@uchicago.edu](mailto:ucihp@uchicago.edu).

### **AIESEC**

**Link:** <http://www.aiesec.org>

**Description:** AIESEC is a global, non-political, independent, not-for-profit organization run by students and recent graduates. Its members are interested in world issues, leadership and management. AIESEC provides its members with an integrated development experience comprised of leadership opportunities, international internships and participation in a global learning environment.

### **Alliance for Health Reform**

**Link:** [http://www.allhealth.org/aboutus\\_internships.asp](http://www.allhealth.org/aboutus_internships.asp)

**Description:** The Alliance for Health Reform is seeking interns focusing on health policy research and media relations. Interns at the Alliance serve as front-line troops for our media outreach and educational efforts. Interns have a variety of responsibilities including: research, health policy analysis, media list compilation, administrative duties, and web page updates. Interns attend events and forums on Capitol Hill and in the D.C. area. Interns help with seminar logistics, perform research on all aspects of health reform, and carry out general administrative duties. Interns receive a thorough education in health care economics and politics, the roots of the problems with our health care system, and the various proposed reform strategies. They work closely with experienced policy professionals, congressional staffers, administrators, journalists, and other members of the policy community. The hands-on experience interns receive is often that sought by legislative staffs, government affairs offices, and other advocacy and policy groups.

### **American Cancer Society Internships**

**Link:** [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/emp/content/EMP\\_1\\_Internships.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/emp/content/EMP_1_Internships.asp)

**Description:** The internship program at the American Cancer Society provides an opportunity for people to make a difference as they gain valuable hands-on experience in the non-profit sector and a greater understanding of the Society's mission.

**Duration:** 8 week rotations available year round

### **American Medical Student Association**

**Link:** <http://www.amsa.org/AMSA/Homepage/EducationCareerDevelopment.aspx>

**Description:** The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States. Check periodically for internship positions.

### **American Public Health Association Internships**

**Link:** <http://www.apha.org/about/careers/internships/>

**Description:** The American Public Health Association is the oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872. A variety of internships for undergrad and grad students are available.

**Duration:** 3 months-1 year

### **AmeriCorps**

**Link:** <http://www.americorps.gov/>

**Description:** AmeriCorps State and National provides funds to local and national organizations and agencies committed to using national service to address critical community needs in education, public safety, health and environment. There are numerous individual organizations that, as AmeriCorps member organizations, hire one or more Corps members each year. Search the website to find more information about becoming a Corps member with a participating Americorps organization. Open to recent graduates. Note: stipend and benefits available.

**Duration:** 1-2 years.

### **AmeriCorps State and National**

The largest of AmeriCorps programs, AmeriCorps State and National provides funds to local and national organizations and agencies committed to using national service to address critical community needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. Members serve full- or part-time over a 9- to 12-month period.

### **AmeriCorps NCCC**

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women age 18–24. Members live on one of five campuses, located in Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Perry Point, Maryland; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, Iowa. AmeriCorps NCCC requires an intensive 10-month commitment.

### **AmeriCorps VISTA**

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, and much more.

### **AYUDA Internship**

**Link:** <http://www.ayudainc.net/employment/InternshipWithAYUDA.php>

**Description:** American Youth Understanding Diabetes Abroad, Inc. (AYUDA) is a grassroots organization seeking interns who are dedicated, hardworking and self-motivated. The interns will experience how a small non-profit organization works from the everyday operations to the delivery of essential medical support and resources to Latin America.

**Duration:** Summer

### **Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program**

**Link:** <http://www.kff.org/about/jordanscholars.cfm>

**Description:** The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program brings talented college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they are placed in congressional offices and learn about health policy issues, with a focus on issues affecting racial and ethnic minority and underserved communities. Through the eleven-week program, Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to gaining experience in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research memo that addresses a problem of concern to disadvantaged populations.

### **BUNAC**

**Link:** <http://www.bunac.org/>

**Description:** BUNAC offers a range of work abroad, volunteer abroad, and teaching overseas programs to destinations such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia, South Africa, Ghana, China, and Peru.

### **CDC Emerging Leaders Program**

**Link:** <http://hhsu.learning.hhs.gov/elp/>

**Description:** Comprehensive, two year, full time employment and career development program that is a stepping stone to careers in science, technology, public health, administration and more. Upon successful completion of the program, participants are eligible for permanent placement in an HHS operating bureau.

**Reqs:** College graduate

### **ChildVoice International**

**Link:** <http://www.childvoiceintl.org>

**Description:** ChildVoice International is quickly expanding in northern Uganda. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, adult and child education, psycho-social rehabilitation, community health, spiritual leadership and development, income generating projects, microfinance, art, physical and occupational therapy, administrative and organizational tasks, and agriculture.

**Duration:** 10-12 weeks in the spring, summer, and fall

### **Church Health Center Internship Program**

**Link:** <http://churchhealthcenter.org/internships>

**Description:** Dr. Scott Morris founded the Church Health Center in 1987 to provide quality, affordable healthcare for working, uninsured people and their families. Over the years, Dr. Morris has hired pre-medical students in their gap year to intern in what has become the country's largest faith-based clinic.

**Duration:** 3 months-1 year

### **City Year**

**Link:** <http://www.cityyear.org>

**Description:** City Year corps member serve full-time as tutors and mentors in schools, running after-school programs, leading and developing youth leadership programs, and vacation camps to make a difference in the lives of children and their communities.

**Duration:** 1 year

### **Citizen School (2 years)**

**Link:** <http://www.citizenschools.org/>

**Description:** The Citizen Schools National Teaching Fellowship is a service program offering a two-year, leadership

development experience, including service as a team leader at a Citizen Schools campus, professional development with a partner organization in the community, and the opportunity for optional enrollment in a pioneering Master's program in out-of-school learning.

**Duration:** 2 years

### **Community HealthCorps**

**Link:** <http://www.communityhealthcorps.org/default.cfm>

**Description:** Community HealthCorps is the largest health-focused, national AmeriCorps program that promotes health care for America's underserved, while developing tomorrow's health care workforce. The mission is to improve health care access and enhance workforce development through community health center sponsored AmeriCorps including VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), and related programs. Approximately 800 Community HealthCorps members serve in 47 partner organizations and 4 affiliate organizations at over 150 delivery sites across 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Focused on direct services, HealthCorps members provide a variety of health services/programs for patients and community by serving as community health workers (CHWs). Focused on indirect services, HealthCorps\*VISTA members work to alleviate poverty by improving the capacity of health centers to provide quality health services and programs to medically underserved people.

### **Comparative Health Care Program in Japan**

**Link:** <http://www.isp.msu.edu/JCMU/students/programs/chc.htm>

**Description:** The Comparative Health Care in Japan Program is an opportunity designed for health care, pre-med, and nursing students who want to add international dimensions to their careers at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. JCMU partners with the Shiga University of Medical Sciences (SUMS) for this program, allowing JCMU students to work alongside with graduate students, researchers and professors.

**Duration:** Summer

### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Link:** <http://www.va.gov/>

**Description:** The VA's goal is to provide excellence to the over 25 million veterans currently alive in patient care, veterans benefits, and customer satisfaction. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer or be employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the health care setting or in other settings relating to the care of our country's veterans.

### **Emerging Leaders Program (2 years)**

**Link:** <http://hhsu.learning.hhs.gov/elp/>

**Description:** The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is a competitive, two-year, paid, federal internship with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The program provides a unique opportunity to develop analytical and critical leadership skills in one of the largest federal agencies in the nation.

**Duration:** 2 years

### **Fulbright Program for U.S Students**

**Link:** [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/overview\\_program.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/overview_program.html)

**Description:** Applicants design their own programs, which may include: University coursework, Independent research, Professional training in the arts and other fields or a combination of these or other projects.

**Reqs:** Attendance at orientation programs

**Duration:** Academic year in length—between 9 and 12 months

### **Global Healing HEAL Internship**

**Link:** <http://www.internabroad.com/listingsp3.cfm/listing/48943>

**Description:** Health Education & Advocacy Liaisons (HEAL) internships give undergraduate and medical students the chance to work with physicians at the Roatan Volunteer Pediatric Clinic (RVPC) in Honduras.

**Duration:** 1 to 3 months

### **Global Health and Education Initiative**

**Link:** [http://www.ghei.org/work/program\\_coordinator\\_positions.html](http://www.ghei.org/work/program_coordinator_positions.html)

**Description:** Various gap year(s) opportunities. Check periodically. Currently, GHEI employs 3 Program Coordinators, a Health Program Coordinator, an Education Program Coordinator, and a Communications Director—to manage its programs in Ghana alongside a team of local management and staff. Responsibilities range from project monitoring and evaluation to local capacity building. Additionally, Coordinators oversee groups of short-term volunteers with specific interventions designed to complement GHEI's ongoing projects. The Coordinators serve a term of 13-24 months, with preference given to applicants who can commit to 24 months. This term includes a one-month overlap period with the outgoing Program Coordinator to allow for training. GHEI provides free housing and utilities in addition to a local salary during the Coordinator's term.

### **Graduate Research, Education, and Training (GREAT) Group**

**Link:** <http://www.aamc.org/members/great/summerlinks.htm>

**Description:** The GREAT Group is an AAMC Group established quality education in the biomedical sciences. They have a link to Summer Undergraduate Research Programs (by school) at their website.

**Duration:** Summer

### **Health Career Connection (HCC) Fellowship**

**Link:** <http://www.healthcareers.org/program-overview/hit-fellowship>

**Description:** HCC, the California Healthcare Workforce Alliance, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Southern California Chapter, and health employers offer three to six month, full-time fellowships from the end of June to the end of December. Fellows are paid a minimum stipend of \$10.97 per hour (the host organization can employ the Fellow directly, or contract with them through HCC). Through fellowship host organizations, HCC places qualified candidates in leading California health care and public health settings. These candidates will be working through an apprenticeship model to become part of teams in health organizations that are focused on implementation and adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE). Efforts are made to accommodate fellow HIT interests, geographic preferences, and skill sets in finalizing placements.

### **Health Communications Internship Program**

**Link:** <https://hcup.nci.nih.gov/>

**Description:** The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The NCI coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients.

**Duration:** 6 months- 1 year

### **Health Resources and Services Administration Public Health Internship**

**Link:** <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/jobs/internprogram.html>

**Description:** Public health internship with a federal agency in Washington D.C., HRSA. Interns will complete a one semester rotation within one of HRSA's Bureaus. HRSA internship is an unfunded practicum experience for graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at schools of public health and public health programs in the U.S. Duties include grant support and management, public health seminar participation, plan and coordination of meetings of public health experts/practitioners, shadowing HRSA staff, etc.

### **Health Sciences Research Opportunities**

**Link:** <http://www.swarthmore.edu/x8853.xml>

**Description:** This website from Swarthmore College provides a list of links to summer research programs available to undergrads and recent grads in the U.S.

### **Immune Disease Institute at Harvard University**

**Link:** <http://idi.harvard.edu/>

**Description:** Gain valuable research experience among the leading researchers in immunology and blood research. The IDI is an independent, non-profit biomedical research institution specializing in the study of blood and related tissues.

### **Internship/Co-Ops for Pre-Medical Students**

**Link:** <http://people.rit.edu/gtfsbi/Symp/premed.htm>

**Description:** List of internship postings compiled by Rochester Institute of Technology for pre-medical students.

**Duration:** Summer

### **Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship**

**Link:** <http://www.kstf.org/programs/teaching.html>

**Description:** Each year, KSTF awards Teaching Fellowships to exceptional young men and women committed to teaching science and mathematics in United States high schools. The Teaching Fellowship is designed explicitly to meet the needs of teachers from the time they begin working on a teaching credential through the early years of their career. One of the criteria KSTF uses to select new fellows and evaluate current fellows is commitment to teaching. The fellowship is designed for individuals who recognize teaching as an intellectually demanding profession and are committed to being leaders and change agents in education. By contrast, the KSTF Teaching Fellowship is not intended for individuals who are pursuing teaching as a way to strengthen a resume, take a break from another career or remain employed while seeking other work in other fields.

**Duration:** 2+ years.

### **Latino Community Health and Cancer Control Intern**

**Link:** <http://www.publichealthjobs.net/search/detail.cfm?jobID=7743>

**Description:** The Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University is offering a ten-week summer paid internship program for undergraduate and graduate students. . This is an excellent opportunity for bilingual (English/Spanish) students to gain hands-on experience implementing cancer prevention research for the Latino community.

**Duration:** Summer

### **MHealthy Intern**

**Link:** <http://hr.umich.edu/mhealthy/involve/employment.html>

**Description:** MHealthy has internship possibilities for currently enrolled and recent college students in the areas of fitness center management, corporate health promotion, health education, community health promotion, nutrition, tobacco cessation, employee wellness, and marketing.

**Duration:** Summer or Semester

### **NIH Administrative Fellows Program**

**Link:** <http://www.jobs.nih.gov/afp/default.htm>

**Description:** The AFP provides the opportunity for the NIH to bring new and excited employees into its administrative community. Program includes mentorship, an individual training plan, a 90 day rotation, a camaraderie of current Fellows, an annual AFP Symposium, and opportunities to make a difference at the NIH in one of eight target positions. Individual positions include administrative officers, budget analysts, ethics specialists, grants management specialists, health communications, and management analysts.

**Reqs:** Must be a U.S. citizen, must be able to qualify at the GS-9 level, must attend a recruitment event or have spoken with an NIH recruiter prior to closing date.

## **National Institute of Health Science/Clinical Internships and Research Training Opportunities**

**Link:** <http://www.jobs.nih.gov/vacancies/sciencejobs.htm>

**Description:** Numerous job and internship opportunities available at all levels in various fields of science

## **National Institute of Health, Clinical Center, Bioethics Fellow**

**Link:** <http://www.bioethics.nih.gov/education/index.shtml>

**Description:** Fellows participate in bioethics seminars, case conferences, ethics consultation, review of research protocols and IRB deliberations, and have access to multiple educational opportunities at the NIH. Fellows conduct theoretical and empirical research in the ethics of health policy, international research ethics, and human subject research. For a typical fellow this research yields multiple publications in academic journals. Post-baccalaureate (those graduating in the spring, as well as a few years past graduation) or post-doctoral are eligible.

**Duration:** 1-2 years

## **New England Healthcare Institute**

**Link:** [http://www.nehi.net/uploads/careers/nehi\\_health\\_policy\\_internship\\_summer2010\\_final\\_2.pdf](http://www.nehi.net/uploads/careers/nehi_health_policy_internship_summer2010_final_2.pdf)

**Description:** Founded in 2002 and headquartered in Cambridge, MA, the New England Healthcare Institute (NEHI) is a national health policy organization specializing in identifying innovative strategies for improving health care quality and reducing health care costs. NEHI conducts independent, high quality research that supports evidence-based health policy recommendations regionally and nationally. Member representatives from the academic health center, biotechnology, employer, medical device, payer, pharmaceutical, provider and research communities bring an unusual diversity of talent to bear on NEHI's work. We collectively address critical health care issues through our action-oriented research, education and policy initiatives.

## **New York Health Research Training Program (H RTP)**

**Link:** <http://home2.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/hrtp/hrtp.shtml>

**Description:** The Health Research Training Program (H RTP) of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provides undergraduate, graduate/professional school students the opportunity to experience some of the "real life" challenges of public health. By working on current relevant public health issues under the close supervision of experienced professionals, students apply their classroom learning to practical problems and, in the process, learn critical skills.

## **Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities- Various Fellowships**

**Link:** <http://www.cdc.gov/omhd/training.htm>

**Description:** The OMHD supports training opportunities for qualified students at all levels of their education. Many of the opportunities involve working with the Federal Government or the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

## **Partners in Health Internships**

**Link:** [www.pih.org/pages/internship-and-fellowship-programs](http://www.pih.org/pages/internship-and-fellowship-programs)

**Description:** Partners in Health is a foundation that strive to cultivate a concerted movement of people and communities dedicated to fighting poverty, social injustices and health inequities. All internships through PIH are unpaid.

Available internships include:

- PIH Institute for Health and Social Justice Summer Internship Program
- Independent research projects
- Physicians for Haiti
- Nyaya Health
- FACE AIDS
- Global Health Corps Fellows
- Children's Hospital Boston Global Pediatric Fellowship

### **Peace Corps**

**Link:** <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

**Description:** Peace Corps Volunteers serve in 74 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle East. Collaborating with local community members, volunteers work in areas like education, youth outreach and community development, health, and information technology.

**Duration:** 2 years

### **Pfizer Lab Internships (Summer)**

**Link:** <http://www.pfizer.com/careers/>

**Description:** Pfizer, the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company is offering several laboratory internships in fields of chemistry, microbiology, and physical sciences.

**Duration:** Summer

### **Planned Parenthood Clinic Assistant**

**Link:** <http://plannedparenthoodext.hire.com/index.html>

**Description:** Job descriptions of Planned Parenthood Clinic Assistants vary depending on location, but generally the position involves clerical duties, basic patient care, or both.

### **Presidential Management Fellows Program**

**Link:** <http://www.pmf.opm.gov/Index.aspx>

**Description:** The purpose of the Program is to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and programs.

**Duration:** 1 year

### **Public Allies**

**Link:** [http://www.publicallies.org/site/c.liKUL3PNLvF/b.2775815/k.860B/ALLY\\_PROGRAM.htm](http://www.publicallies.org/site/c.liKUL3PNLvF/b.2775815/k.860B/ALLY_PROGRAM.htm)

**Description:** Through the AmeriCorps program, Public Allies identifies talented young adults from diverse backgrounds and advances their leadership through a ten month program of full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations, weekly leadership trainings, and team service projects. Allies commit to full-time paid apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations in their communities where they: serve four days per week, create, improve and expand services that address diverse issues, including youth development, education, public health, economic development and the environment, earn a monthly stipend of \$1,300 to \$1,800, and receive healthcare, childcare, student loan deferment and a post-service education award of \$4,725. Allies also have a rigorous leadership development curriculum delivered by community leaders, practitioners and educators, which includes: intensive weekly skill training and leadership development seminars, critical feedback, reflection, and personal coaching toward individual performance and professional goals, community building and team projects with a diverse cohort of peers, and presentations of learning at the end of the year to demonstrate how one met the learning outcomes of the program.

**Reqs:** Recent graduate

**Duration:** 6 months – 1 year

### **Reach the World Classroom Internship**

**Link:** <http://www.internships.com/posting/global-classroom-intern>

**Description:** Reach the World is seeking motivated individuals who want to gain classroom experience and help teachers empower the young minds of Chicago Public School students.

### **Research Associates Program at St. Vincent's Medical Center (Summer)**

**Link:** <http://www.raprogram.org/>



**Description:** The Dept. of Emergency Medicine at St. Vincent's Medical Center recruits college students and graduates to join research efforts in the emergency department (ED). With both the research and service protocols, each RA will have direct interactions with well over 100 patients and visitors during the summer semester.

### **Sowing Seeds for Change Fellowship**

**Link:** <http://saf-unite.org/content/sowing-seeds-change-fellowship>

**Description:** The Sowing Seeds for Change Fellowship is a 6 month leadership development program for college students and recent graduates to improve farmworkers' access to healthcare as well as advocate for improved living and working conditions. Fellows work directly with rural health clinics in North Carolina, providing health education, case management, and interpretation for farmworkers.

**Duration:** 6 months – 1 year

### **Student Programs at the National Institute of Health**

**Link:** <http://www.training.nih.gov/student/index.asp>

**Description:** The NIH provides a plethora of opportunities for students at all levels

### **Teach for America**

**Link:** <http://www.teachforamerica.org>

**Description:** Teach For America aims to end educational inequity. TFA corps members serve in high-need schools for a commitment of at least two years.

**Duration:** 2 years

### **The National Council Public Policy Internships**

**Link:** [http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/jobs\\_and\\_internships](http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/jobs_and_internships)

**Description:** Interns gain substantive experience in state and federal policy on issues affecting children with mental disabilities and organizations that provide community based mental health and addictions treatment. Interns conduct varied research and produce fact sheets and policy papers. Interns should have strong analytical, writing, research and computer skills. Graduate students are preferred but undergraduates with a strong interest in mental health, addictions, healthcare, disability policy and public education are encouraged to apply. Interns may work for academic credit or a stipend of \$12/hour. Cover letter, resume and writing sample are required to apply.

### **UCLA School of Public Health Visiting Scholars Program**

**Link:** <http://www.ph.ucla.edu/hs/visiting.html>

**Description:** A program for individuals who are interested in learning more about public health issues without participating in a formal degree program. Participants may sit in on classes, work with faculty and have access to campus and department resources. A certificate of participation is awarded upon completion of the program. \$9,000 fee per year.

**Duration:** One academic year

### **United Nations Foundation**

**Link:** <http://www.unfoundation.org/who-we-are/careers/internships/>

**Description:** We offer semester-long full and part-time internships during the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms for undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates. Our interns participate in a variety of activities and perform a variety of tasks in support of the department for which they work. The number and nature of internships depends on the needs of the various departments. Applicants should be enrolled in a degree-granting program in an undergraduate or graduate school during the internship, or should be a recent graduate with a demonstrated interest in the UN and international development.

### **U.S. Public Health Service Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program**

**Link:** <http://www.usphs.gov/student/>

**Description:** JRCOSTEP participants serve in assignments throughout the country during their official school breaks for periods from 31 to 120 days. Although opportunities can be offered throughout the year, most JRCOSTEP participants are hired for the summer months (June, July, and August). JRCOSTEP participants work in the various operating divisions (OPDIVs) that make up the health agencies with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). They also may work in other OPDIVs within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or certain other Federal agencies. For more information, see program FAQ on website. JRCOSTEP participants do not have an obligation to serve in the PHS Commissioned Corps after graduation. However, upon completing his/her professional education, the student may serve an extended active-duty assignment with any of the Agencies/Operating Divisions (OPDIVs)/Programs that accept PHS commissioned officers for assignment.

### **U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs**

**Link:** <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org>

**Description:** The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs provide community service fellowships for graduate students in health related professional fields who are dedicated to addressing unmet health needs in their local areas.

**Duration:** 1 year

### **Young Leader of Social Change, Unite for Sight**

**Link:** <http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/global-health-fellowship>

**Description:** The Young Leader of Social Change Fellowship provides an outstanding recent college or public health graduate with an opportunity to engage in high impact front-line global service programs. In this full-time paid position, the Fellow will work closely with Unite For Sight's CEO on global health programming. Duties and responsibilities include: Being a team member of one of the world's leading innovative global health organizations, hands-on experience in contributing to Unite For Sight's programs (International Eye Care Programs and Global Impact Corps, Chapters and Community Fellows Program, GH/Innovate 2010 - Global Health & Innovation Conference, and Global Health University) Applying organizational and writing skills to the development and implementation of global health initiatives, and contributing to cutting-edge programs in development.