

FOODBORNE DISEASE INTERN

The Fund for Public Health in New York City, (FPHNYC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The foodborne disease group at the New York City DOHMH, Bureau of Communicable Disease and Office of Environmental Investigations are working on a project, "Improving Foodborne Disease Outbreak Detection by Incorporating Complaints Identified in Social Media Data". The project is a collaboration with the Columbia University Department of Computer Science and uses data from Yelp and Twitter to identify complaints of foodborne illness. The program is located primarily at 125 Worth St, New York, NY 10013 and 42-09 28th St, Long Island City, NY 11101.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The foodborne disease group has an opening for a new intern to assist foodborne disease environmental health specialists and epidemiologists with foodborne illness complaint detection and outbreak investigations. The candidate would start in April/May 2019, with the possibility of staying on for the entire 2019-2020 academic year. The candidate would work 35/hours per week during the summer and approximately 20 hours/week during the school year, with daytime and evening hours from 9am-5pm.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Follow-up and investigate reported foodborne disease complaints identified via social media and reported to the citywide complaint system (311); conduct telephone interviews using a standardized questionnaire
- Outbreak investigations
- Data collection, data entry, data management, and data analysis
- Other disease investigations within the Office of Environmental Investigations and Bureau of Communicable Disease where necessary
- Miscellaneous projects as needed

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interest in infectious disease epidemiology and environmental health
- Ability to multi-task
- Currently enrolled in a graduate (MPH, MS or PhD) program in public health or related field; Incoming students encouraged to apply

LOCATION

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SALARY AND BENEFITS

The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience and education.

TO APPLY

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including salary requested and how your experience relates to this position, to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org indicating “**Foodborne Disease Intern_ your name**” in subject line.

The Fund for Public Health in New York City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.