

Practical Experience


Internships become available through contacts with faculty, other students, community partners and the limitless imagination of MPH candidates. During an internship, each student works under the supervision of a qualified preceptor and is engaged in a concrete and challenging public health project. Below is a sampling of the places where MPH students have found internships.

- The Office of Medicaid and Medicare in Washington, DC
- The Department of Health and Senior Services in Jefferson City, MO
- The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department in Columbia, MO
- The Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions at Emory University in Atlanta, GA
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Jefferson City, MO
- The City of Detroit Health Department in Detroit, MI
- University Hospitals and Clinics in Columbia, MO
- The Sexual Health Advocate Peer Education (SHAPE) program at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO


Resources and Opportunities

MPH students are not guaranteed an assistantship upon admission. On a competitive basis, MPH graduate students have been awarded assistantships with:


- The Center for Health Policy
- The MU Women's Center
- The Wellness Resource Center
- The Chancellor's Diversity Initiative
- The Department of Student Life
- University Extension in the Department of Nutritional Sciences




"The CLARION Competition gave me the opportunity to work with health professionals outside the public health field. Through this experience I gained insight and understanding into different perspectives each occupation has regarding current health issues. The lessons I learned by participating in this competition were priceless and the peer relationships that developed will certainly benefit me in my future as a public health professional."
MPH student Megan Rau, shown right




"Cryptosporidiosis is one of the most important enteric diseases associated with contaminated potable and recreational water. I intend to evaluate how the outbreaks in the past few years have been managed by the state and hopefully give some recommendations to prevent or contain future outbreaks."
MPH student Clemence Chako, shown right




"Working with the Center on Adolescent Sexuality, Pregnancy and Parenting (CASPP) through Parentlink has allowed me to see firsthand the obstacles an educator faces when trying to teach teens safe sex/abstinence practices."
MPH student Akara Ingram, shown right



"After receiving my degree in Architectural Studies here at Mizzou I began wishing for more projects that could bring the joy of helping others through architecture. As a graduate student in public health, I am now involved in being a liaison for a homeless shelter which is interested in installing UV lighting to help prevent the spread of TB."
MPH student Ryan Krull



"A physician can make a huge difference for his patients, but health policy decisions affect a much larger number of people."
MPH student Jordan McCall



"While my undergraduate degree is in Creative Writing, I always felt a strong push to work toward eliminating women's health inequities, particularly in other countries. After initially pursuing law school, I discovered the Public Health Program at MU and decided it was a better match for what I wanted to accomplish."
MPH student Ashley Prewitt