

PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIPS

The public health field is broad and entails a diverse range of roles (e.g. administration, research, coordination, project management, community engagement) and contexts (e.g. epidemiology, policy, health economics, health services, communicable/ non-communicable diseases, health promotion, health communication). Internships allow students practical learning experiences and the opportunity to work alongside professionals in their field.

Internships are a great way for students to explore their interests professionally, apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world setting, acquire knowledge of the industry and working environment, build their network, and develop hard and soft skills in the workplace.

Organisations involved in public health work include government agencies, healthcare institutions, private organisations, voluntary welfare organisations, non-governmental organisations, and academia.

Students interested in taking up public health internships may consider the following options:

1. SPH3201/ SPH3001 Public Health Practice (offered by SSHSPH)

Application for Special Term Part 1 and 2 opens in October/ November. Students who self-source for internship opportunities and would like the internship to be counted under SPH3201/ SPH3001 must inform the course coordinators in advance - requests will not be entertained once their placement in organisations offered by SSHSPH is confirmed.

2. Self-Sourced Internships: Internship opportunities beyond SPH3201/ SPH3001 Public Health Practice

SSHSPH will not entertain requests from students not intending to enroll in SPH3201/ SPH3001 but are looking to source for specific internships. Students may source for internships through job and internship portals such as Internships@Gov, internsg.com, Jobstreet, LinkedIn, NUS TalentConnect Portal, etc.

Keywords that students may find useful in sourcing for public health internships include: “public health”, “health”, “healthcare”, “health promotion”, “health policy”, “non-communicable disease”, “communicable disease”, “ageing”, “care coordination”, “epidemiology”, “programme evaluation”. As can be seen, this list by no means exhaustive and the choice of keywords largely depends on the student’s interest.

Alternatively, students may email directly to the organisation or through the organisation’s career website if it is available.

3. Internship opportunities with SSHSPH faculty for Final Year Internship (FYI) or Final Year Project (FYP)

More information on FYI/ FYP opportunities with SSHSPH faculty and a list of potential supervisors are available at <https://sph.nus.edu.sg/education/grp/research/> and their area of interest in public health is available at <https://sph.nus.edu.sg/education/grp/available-research-projects/>. Once the supervisor and area of interest have been identified, students may email directly to the supervisors with their CV and copy UGHELP_SPH@nus.edu.sg in their email. Please note that an internship under FYI cannot be counted as an internship for SPH3201/ SPH3001.

More Resources Available

The Centre for Future-Ready Graduates (CFG) conducts career booster workshops to help students in various aspects of job-hunting, from how to ace an aptitude test to the dos and don'ts during interviews. More details on the workshops can be found at <http://nus.edu.sg/CFG/students/career-ready/career-booster>. Career advisory services are also available to support students in achieving their career goals. More details can be found at <http://nus.edu.sg/CFG/students/career-ready/career-advisory>.