

## 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. **SPH3001 Public Health Practice (offered by SSHSPH)**

Application for Special Term Part 1 and 2 opens in October/ November.

Applicants **must** meet the course pre-requisites **and** be able to commit full-time for a minimum of 320 hours during the Special Term period to be considered for this course.

Self-sourced internships will not be considered for this course.

### 2. **Non-credit bearing internship opportunities**

SSHSPH will not entertain requests from students not intending to enroll in SPH3001 but are looking to source for specific internships. Students may source for internships through job and internship portals such as 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 co-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](mailto:UGHELP_SPH@nus.edu.sg) in their email.

Please note that:

- (i) an internship under FYI cannot be counted as an internship for SPH3001, and
- (ii) the main supervisor **must** be from the student's home faculty.

#### 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. Career advisory services are also available to support students in achieving their career goals. More details on the workshops and services can be found at the NUS CFG website.