

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

DEFENDING PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE 2012

Environmental Health Fellowship Summer 2023

Time Period: Summer term 2023

Location: McMurray, PA/Remote (as determined by pandemic conditions)

Compensation: Stipend equivalent to approx. \$20/hour

Organization Description

The Environmental Health Project (EHP) is a nonprofit organization located in McMurray, PA, whose mission is to defend public health in the face of shale gas development (also called *hydraulic fracturing* or *fracking*). EHP conducts air emissions analysis, provides health-protective guidance to frontline communities and health care professionals, and educates policymakers on the impacts of decisions related to shale gas. EHP is expanding its engagement on all fronts and is looking for an Environmental Health Fellow to support this effort.

EHP is offering a full-time, 12-week Environmental Health Fellowship during the summer of 2023. The fellowship will give the successful candidate the opportunity to apply skills in environmental education, project management, and research to the topic of shale gas development and its impacts on human health and the environment. Throughout the summer, the Fellow will learn about EHP's work while conducting independent research. The Fellow will summarize research findings, build materials for sharing these findings with the general public, and have the opportunity to present or publish the final product.

The Environmental Health Fellowship offers the successful candidate the opportunity to conduct one of the following:

1. A research project covering the use and implementation of health impact assessments (HIAs) as a tool, specifically as relates to best practices for use at the community level. The fellow would assemble findings and use them to create a proposal with guidelines for how advocacy organizations can best utilize HIAs within direct community work.
2. An independent research and/or analysis project that fits within the scope described above, is related to EHP's work, and is pitched to EHP during the application process.

Qualifications

The ideal applicant will have completed a bachelor's degree by December 31, 2022, and currently be enrolled in a post-graduate public health program.

Appropriate academic backgrounds:

- Public Health/Environmental Health
- Environmental Studies/Environmental Sciences
- Social Sciences/Social Work
- Community Organizing

Relevant skills and experience:

- Completed and/or conducting an undergraduate/master's level research project.
- Familiarity with public health approaches and initiatives.
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently.
- Have a high attention to detail.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Application Process

Qualified applicants should email one document including a cover letter, resume, and contact information for references to Patrick Dooling, Deputy Director, at:

pdooling@environmentalhealthproject.org.

Review of applications will begin on **February 17, 2023**, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

This position is eligible for a \$10,000 stipend to be paid over the 12-week period of the research fellowship. Additionally, \$2,000 will be made available to offset the cost of attending the American Public Health Association conference in November 2023. Funds will be released after registration for the conference is confirmed. Fellowship payments are not considered wages and do not create an employer-employee relationship. There are no insurance benefits associated with this role. The fellow will be allotted 1 or 2 days to take off over holidays when the office is closed and may use an additional 4 days of time off during the length of the fellowship.

This position is made possible by funding from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.



All applicants and employees will enjoy equality of opportunity and fair treatment without regard to, race, color, age, religion, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, or prior protected activity.

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