



Sarah Samuels Public Health Policy Fellowship Announcement of Open Position

California Food Policy Advocates

California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) is a statewide policy advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of low-income Californians by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. Founded in 1992, CFPA is a small non-profit organization funded primarily by private foundations. CFPA is headquartered in uptown Oakland, with offices in Los Angeles and San Diego.

A fundamental component of CFPA's work to support low-income Californians is our focus on policy and systems change. Drawing on our core understanding that there are many social, political, and economic determinants of poverty, food insecurity, and poor health, CFPA employs varied policy advocacy strategies to fulfill our mission, including -- but by no means limited to -- efforts that expand and improve the federal nutrition programs, optimizing access, participation, and nutritional quality.

Opportunities and Responsibilities

CFPA seeks candidates eager to help promote our goals and policy agenda among diverse community partners; the media; and federal, state, and local decision makers. This position will provide a unique experience to support CFPA's annual policy development process, and incorporate the input of feedback of diverse stakeholders across California.

This internship will offer a variety of experiences to support changes in policy and practice at the local, state, and federal levels. Opportunities and responsibilities may include:

- Supporting the initial phase of CFPA's annual policy development process that identifies priority issues for advocacy, including stakeholder interviews and the development of a statewide survey
- Analyzing and synthesizing research to impact proposed and existing policies.
- Drafting policy memos, fact sheets, or issue papers.
- Participating in meetings and events to support CFPA's legislative and administrative advocacy agendas.
- Helping to maintain the CFPA website as a resource for administrators, policy makers, and advocates.
- Presenting and promoting CFPA's policy agenda in a variety of settings.

Qualifications

Candidates for this position shall:

- Demonstrate strong interest in advocacy, public health (particularly public health nutrition), public policy, and social justice.
- Be enrolled in an advanced degree program for public health or public policy.
- Commit to a 3-month summer fellowship with CFPA. *Note: exceptional interns may be offered an extended fellowship.*



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Relevant skills and experience for this position include:

- Knowledge of nutrition issues and nutrition assistance programs.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills. Public speaking experience preferred.
- Ability to engage in two-way, inclusive dialogues with stakeholders through interviews and survey
- Strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently, coordinate projects, and respond to multiple priorities.
- Working knowledge of MS office software and internet applications, including Google Apps/Drive. Familiarity with WordPress is desirable.

Additional desirable skills and experience include:

- Knowledge of decision- and budget-making processes at the federal, state, and/or local government levels.
- Experience working with public administrators and elected officials.
- Fluency in Spanish.

Compensation

\$20-25/hour
Work study preferred

Location

Oakland, CA

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and a short independent writing sample (no more than two pages, excerpts acceptable) to Tracey Patterson at tracey@cfpa.net. Applications are due by the close of business on March 3, 2016.

Interested students who are currently enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health should apply for this position through the Center for Public Health Practice internship process.

CFPA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, people of color, elderly persons, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.