



Public Health Air Quality Education Internship

Purpose: *Lung disease is now the second leading cause of death in the United States. Breathe California Golden Gate Public Health Partnership (Breathe CA) is seeking a college student or graduate student-level intern to serve as a year-long Air Quality Education Intern. This new position will be responsible for helping complete a review of the Air Quality Improvement Projects in the Bay Area, contribute to air quality-related social media posts, conduct interviews and write blog posts/newsletter articles, and more. Great opportunity for public health or environmental studies student interested in Bay Area air quality issues. This internship is made possible through the support of Bay Area Air Quality Management District.*

Location: Downtown San Francisco - (near the Montgomery Street BART station)

Our Mission: **Through grassroots education, advocacy and services, Breathe California fights lung disease, advocates for clean air and advances public health.** We are devoted to addressing the major determinants of lung disease through Tobacco Cessation, Asthma Education, COPD Programs, Indoor & Outdoor Air Quality Initiatives, and Research. We welcome your support to help us achieve these goals.

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Help evaluate Breathe CA Air Quality programming; review surveys and evaluation data (may include some data entry)
- ❖ Interview local Air Quality experts
- ❖ Summarize local air quality initiatives in different communities
- ❖ Develop and contribute to blog posts and social media posts about air quality initiatives
- ❖ Organize, categorize and analyze findings and summarize these in a coherent and concise report
- ❖ Present findings and make recommendations to relevant program managers and senior leadership
- ❖ Office assistance during major organizational events

Qualifications:

- ❖ Currently enrolled as a college student or as a Master or Doctoral program student in environmental sciences, social sciences, public health, education, communication, or similar
- ❖ Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research and evaluation methods
- ❖ Strong written and oral communication skills
- ❖ Creative initiative for the design and presentation of research findings
- ❖ Desire to support Breathe CA's mission and programs
- ❖ Experience with and/or enthusiasm for working with Lung/Environmental health programs
- ❖ Commitment to serving low income communities
- ❖ Self-starter who likes to learn and contributes well to a team
- ❖ Non-smoker



Training: Breathe CA staff will provide general training about the agency, its mission and history. The project timeline will be planned and structured through a partnership on this Air Quality Education Internship. While Breathe CA has clear goals for this project, your personal and professional goals will be essential to this unique project and considered in each step.

Commitment: At least 5-7 hours/week for one year, for a minimum of 240 hours. Days and hours are negotiable and a stipend will be provided each month at least 24 hours are completed.

Benefits: This internship is an opportunity to learn from non-profit professionals through a meaningful project with immediately applicable results, as well as to get involved in an important public health initiative for the Bay Area and Northern CA. Contributing to the agency's goal of preventing lung disease is rewarding and exciting. Interns will learn new skills in a professional setting and gain valuable work experience. Increased depth of knowledge about lung health in Northern California. Direct supervision from experienced staff holding relevant work experience and graduate degrees (MPH, EdD, PhD, etc.).

This is a great resume builder! Upon successful completion of projects and work plans, interns may request recommendations or references from Breathe CA to assist them in gaining future positions, employment, or advanced degrees. This project may be used as an internship, practicum or thesis project if requested. **Small monthly stipends will be available to help support local travel to the downtown San Francisco office.**

Application Process: If you are interested in applying, please send a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (no more than five pages) to Dr. Tanya Stevenson, CEO, at tanyas@ggbreathe.org. Applicants without all three required documents will not be considered.