

Community Health Initiative (CHI)

Small Business Application for Student Internship

Office for Business & Community Economic Development
University of Minnesota

This application is for small businesses seeking an internship from a University of Minnesota graduate student. This Community Internship will assist those small businesses that focus directly on addressing public health issues or health disparities in underserved, socially and economically challenged communities.

Through funding support provided by Medica, the Office for Business & Community Economic Development will now offer the Community Health Initiative (CHI). The goal of this initiative is two-fold; to provide resources that help small businesses that work in the areas impacting public health, social services, medicine, medical technology, or to help these businesses build capacity and improve their overall performance and effectiveness in communities of color; and secondly to provide University of Minnesota students with valuable applied learning experiences by linking them to opportunities in communities that face public health disparities and other socio-economic issues.

Student Community Internships will be offered from June 1st through August 31st of each year and will be paid, full-time 40 hour per week positions. Students participating in the community internships will be full-time graduate students enrolled in the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, School of Social Work, or Medical School.

Project proposals will be accepted in the topical areas of Public Health, Community Health Education, Social Work, Population Health Coordination, Nursing Care/Management, Health/Medical Research, Feasibility Study and Program Evaluation/Measurement.

Businesses that participate in the program must be:

- A business in the health care or medical industry
- Located in the Minnesota greater metropolitan area
- In operation for at least three years
- Able to provide on-going educational experience to students
- Able to provide on-going supervision from a MSW, MPH, MD or equivalent experienced personnel
- Able to clearly define internship scope, goals and objectives
- Willing to have a pre-internship company assessment and post-internship evaluation & assessment

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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND THOSE BUSINESSES NOT MEETING THE PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Company Name: _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Name of Business Owner (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Web Page:** _____

Year Established: _____

Number of Employees: Full-time _____ Part-time _____

What is your legal form of ownership?

Sole Proprietor Partnership Sub-chapter Incorporated

Business is (circle all that apply): Minority-owned Woman-owned Disabled-owned

Type of Industry: Health Care Medical

Annual Revenue for past three years: \$ _____(2008) \$ _____(2007) \$ _____(2006)

What type of business is your company?

Manufacturing Wholesale Retail Service Construction

Business Description: _____

Please list any specific skills, knowledge or past experiences the student should have.

Please share any other information about your company or industry that would be useful in considering your application.

How did you hear about our program?

BCED Website **Brochure/Mailing**

CHI E-mail Notice

E-mail notice from another organization (please name) _____

Referral from another organization (please name) _____

Other (Please specify) _____

**For your convenience and to ensure a faster turnaround,
please apply online at: www.bced.umn.edu/chi**

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