

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description
Summer 2012**

**Organization Name: Office of the Associate Director for Science,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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Organization's Mission Statement:

The mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. To accomplish this mission, CDC monitors health, investigates health problems, and promotes sound public health policies and programs. CDC core values—respect, integrity, and accountability—serve as the foundation for all activities at the agency.

The Office of the Associate Director for Science (OADS) is responsible for ensuring integrity and excellence in science at CDC. In 2005, the Public Health Ethics Unit within OADS launched a public health ethics initiative that established the CDC Public Health Ethics Committee (PHEC). The mission of the Public Health Ethics Unit and PHEC is to provide leadership in public health ethics at CDC and to work with CDC staff to integrate the tools of ethical analysis into decisions and day-to-day activities across CDC.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

The Public Health Ethics Unit is responsible for managing and implementing public health ethics at CDC. In collaboration with PHEC, the Public Health Ethics Unit has been working with CDC programs to develop procedures for conducting public health ethics consults and to develop educational material to strengthen CDC staff members' knowledge of basic principles of public health ethics. The Public Health Ethics Unit also works with academic and professional ethicists (members of the Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director) to develop ethics documents that address a number of specific public health issues (e.g., emergency preparedness and response, pandemic influenza, distribution of ventilators during a severe pandemic, use of travel restrictions for control of infectious diseases). Currently, we are focused on developing public health ethics case studies to support training of staff at state and local health departments, and working towards establishing a public health ethics consortium that will facilitate collaborations between academic ethicists and public health practitioners both at the national and international levels.

Intern's title:

Public Health Ethics Intern

Number of interns requested by this organization?

One

Internship project/job description:

This placement will provide hands-on experience in day-to-day public health ethics activities at the nation's premiere public health agency. The intern will work with the Public Health Ethics Unit on a variety

of activities, including participating in ongoing ethics consults on public health topics and assisting with the activities of ongoing workgroups developing ethics documents. The intern will also have the opportunity to participate in the meeting of the Ethics Subcommittee of the CDC Advisory Committee to the Director, to be held June 28-29, 2012 and to shadow the Public Health Ethics Lead during staffing of Ethics Desk in CDC Director's Emergency Operations Center should the Center be activated either for an emergency or an exercise. Efforts will be made to find a project that can serve as the focus of the intern's activity and that will reflect both the intern's interests and the current needs of CDC. Expected work hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Qualifications:

The position is open to graduate level students enrolled in either a master's or doctoral level degree program who have an interest in the intersection of ethics and public health. Knowledge of basic ethical and health/science concepts, good critical reasoning and analysis skills, and an ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing are important for this position. Some experience with public health practice is desirable but not required.

Other Requirements:

Security clearance is required

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

No

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes