Organization Name: Urban Health Initiative

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Organization’s Mission Statement:
UHI provides health disparities education and advocacy, builds collaborative partnerships and develops best practice models with underserved communities and those who work with them in Metropolitan Atlanta to advance equity in health and well-being.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
Our work is first and foremost responsive to community challenges and strengths, and we pursue projects, programs, and partnerships on an ongoing basis. Recognizing the significance of the social determinants of health for impacting wellbeing and working through all levels of a socio-ecological model, the work of UHI is inherently diverse, interdisciplinary, and collaborative.

UHI’s strategy for achieving its mission is based on the National Institutes of Health Center of Excellence model and include four key overlapping areas of focus: community programs, community engaged learning, training of health professionals, and research. Check out our work for more details on our projects within these areas.
Urban health issues with which UHI has engaged thus far and continue to drive our efforts are as follows: food access and security, transportation, access to health and wellness screenings and resources, obesity, pre-term birth, smoking prevention.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
- Community Teaching Gardens
- HEALing Community Center
- Walk With A Doc
- Transportation Ministry: Community Supplemental Transportation Initiative
- Food as Medicine
- Nutrition Prescription
- Georgia Food Oasis
- Rolling Bends Residents Council
- Grady Emergency Department Dental Diversion Project
- Telemedecine
- Food Insecurity Screening
- Rolling Suitcase Drive
- Tobacco Use Prevention
- Pregnant Teen Support Program
- Medicine and Society Lecture Series
- Social Medicine Elective
- Advocacy Training
- Emory Social Transformation and Training (E-STAT)
- Homeless Education Curriculum

Intern’s title: Community Teaching Garden Operations Coordinator

Number of interns requested: 1

Internship project/job description:
With a heart for service and a mind towards the community we serve, the Community Teaching Garden Operations Coordinator intern will manage the summer operations of the Community Teaching Gardens located in the Bankhead and Magnolia Park communities in NW Atlanta. This includes insuring that the garden is open as much as possible and at times that are conducive for the community, managing the volunteers and community members that engage in gardening activities, leading the necessary daily gardening activities such as watering, weeding, planting, etc. Participation in the planning process and execution of community activities based in the gardens including monthly summer events (i.e., gardening workshops,
cookouts, etc.) is also part of the job. There may be additional responsibilities that are not based at the garden but important for engagement with community members and partners such as community meetings and UHI Team Lead meetings. This intern will work closely with other EASL interns--the Community Teaching Garden Program Coordinator and the Community Teaching Garden Communications Coordinator.

Qualifications:
Some understanding of the basics of gardening or a willingness and enthusiasm to learn.
A heart for service and social justice
Experience in community based projects, program management, or monitoring/evaluation would be preferred but is not essential.

Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here:
• The willingness to work in open environments (hot, cold, rain, sun, etc.)
• Cultural and racial sensitivity is a must
• High levels of intrinsic motivation is essential
• Onboarding requirements for Urban Health Initiative (submission of resume, proof of CITI training, submission of biosketch—these can be done prior to starting the position)

Will the internship require that the student have a car?
Preferable.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?
Yes, but it will sometimes be necessary for Intern to transport gardening tools or supplies to and from garden sites, which can sometimes be difficult with public transportation.