

## **Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site Job Description Information Sheet**

**Organization Name:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Office of the Chief Science Officer

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**Internship Supervisor/Contact:**

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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 works within the United States and throughout the world to monitor health, investigate health problems, and promote 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 Chief Science Officer (OCSO) is responsible for ensuring integrity and excellence in science at CDC. In 2005, OCSO launched a public health ethics initiative that established the CDC Public Health Ethics Committee (PHEC). The mission of 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:**

PHEC is responsible for developing the conceptual framework for public health ethics at CDC. PHEC 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. In addition, PHEC has been working with academic and professional ethicists (members of the Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director) to develop ethics guidance documents that address a number of specific public health issues (e.g., emergency preparedness and response, pandemic influenza, distribution of ventilators during a pandemic, use of travel restrictions for control of infectious diseases).

**Intern's Title:**

Public Health Ethics Intern

**Internship Project/Job Description:**

This placement will provide hands-on experience in the ethical analysis of public health programs at the United States's premiere public health agency. The intern will work with the CDC Public Health Ethics Coordinator on a variety of public health ethics activities, including participating in ongoing consults on public health topics, assisting with the activities of ongoing workgroups developing ethics guidance documents, and helping with the planning of the Joint Meeting of the Ethics Subcommittee and PHEC to be held June 17-18. The intern will also have the opportunity to shadow the Public Health Ethics Coordinator during staffing of Ethics Desk in CDC Director's Emergency Operations Center during a pandemic influenza planning exercise scheduled for June 22-26.

**Qualifications:**

The position is open to undergraduate students who are about to enter their senior year or 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 ability to communicate well both verbally and in writing are important for this position. Some experience with public health practice desirable but not required.

**Preferred Work Days/Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?**

No

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

Yes