



## **Job/Internship Announcement February, 2022**

### **Seeking Healthy CUNY Advocates and Team Leaders**

Healthy CUNY is a CUNY-wide initiative sponsored by the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy that promotes the health of CUNY's 270,000 degree and 230,000 non-degree students in order to support their academic and life success.

Healthy CUNY is currently hiring pandemic displaced workers who are CUNY students to conduct educational, outreach, and benefit enrollment activities on CUNY campuses and to CUNY students living in neighborhoods most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These Healthy CUNY Advocates, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the NYC Department of Small Business Services, will create multimedia campaigns that encourage eligible CUNY students to enroll in SNAP and connect to other emergency food programs in order to provide more consistent access to healthy, affordable food. In addition, CUNY Health advocates will promote and connect CUNY students to NYC Care, a low-cost healthcare program provided by NYC Health + Hospitals for New Yorkers who cannot afford, or are not eligible for health insurance. The Advocates will also connect CUNY students with existing health and social programs on their campuses and in the community, again using multi-media campaigns to facilitate enrollment.

The result of these efforts will be to increase the number of CUNY students who are food secure and have access to healthcare, thus supporting college persistence and graduation. Spring semester activities may expand to include outreach for other student essential needs such as mental health services. Advocates will be based on high-need CUNY campuses where previous Healthy CUNY studies show high numbers of students are experiencing food and other essential needs insecurities.

### **Requirements for Participation**

1. Must be currently enrolled in a CUNY degree program. Students from all levels (community college through 4-year degree programs) are encouraged to apply. Additional requirements and qualifications are listed below.
  - a. **Graduate students (CUNY masters level students) who are interested in joining the team as team leaders/supervisors are also encouraged to apply.** Supervisory experience is required. Interested applicants should indicate relevant content area expertise and supervisory experience in the application. Project staff will reach out to you with more information and to schedule an interview.
2. To be considered for this position, undergraduate and graduate students must have lost their employment due to the pandemic, or be considered a Displaced Worker by another metric\*. Candidates will be required to submit proof of displaced worker status such as a letter from a former employer or receipt of unemployment insurance payments in order to be hired for this position.

**\*Students may be considered Displaced Workers if they meet any one of the following:**

- a) Currently receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits;
- b) Unemployed due to the pandemic (e.g., laid off; furloughed; workplace closed);
- c) Self-employed but unable to find any or enough work due to the pandemic;
- d) Are dependent on the income of a family member who has become unemployed due to the pandemic;
- e) Are the spouse of an active member of the Armed forces and have lost work due to having to relocate.

### **Additional Qualifications**

- Previous advocacy or community outreach experience
- Prior coursework, internship, or employment experience in food security, benefits enrollment, health promotion, food justice, health communications/marketing, campaign building, or advocating for public policy and social issues
- Experience leading or volunteering with an essential needs (food, housing, health etc.) program at a CUNY campus or around NYC
- Collaboration with diverse student groups or organizations, on or off-campus
- Peer advising, counseling, or case management experience
- Leading workshops or groups, or teaching experience
- CUNY related advocacy experience

### **Training and Time Commitment**

Students recruited for this program will receive paid training and ongoing support to promote public benefits for food security and affordable healthcare, and to assist peers with benefits enrollment. Training activities will be conducted remotely and outreach activities will be conducted both remotely and in person.

Students hired for the Spring 2022 semester will be required to attend online training sessions (dates TBD), and to participate in outreach and advocacy activities throughout the Spring 2022 semester, with the possibility of continuing in the summer and next academic year. The schedule is flexible, with a weekly commitment of up to 15 hours per week. Regular weekly meetings will be held online with other student advocates and program staff.

### **Stipend and Internship/Fieldwork Credit**

Students must be eligible to work in the United States. Undergraduate Advocates will be paid \$18 hourly, and graduate student team leaders \$22 hourly through the Research Foundation for the City University of New York (RF CUNY). Students who wish to apply this experience to their fieldwork or internship requirements should consult with their campus academic and fieldwork advisors and Healthy CUNY staff before committing to the program.

**To apply:** Submit completed **application and materials** [here](#). **Applications accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled.**

You will be prompted to upload a resume and documentation of eligibility status within the application. We will be contacting potential candidates to participate in a Zoom interview as applications come in, so apply NOW! For questions, email [healthycuny@sph.cuny.edu](mailto:healthycuny@sph.cuny.edu). Click [here](#) to apply!