

## NYC Health + Hospitals Central Office Emergency Management Special Pathogens Internship Program

### Who We Are

#### *Mission*

NYC Health + Hospitals Emergency Management provides the strategic and operational framework and resources to protect our patients, visitors, staff, communities and infrastructure from natural, technological, and intentional incidents through the mitigation of, preparedness for, response to, and recover from them.

### What We Do

Central Office Emergency Management ensures the uninterrupted functionality of system-wide operations. Communication, coordination, and collaboration are the building blocks for our comprehensive and systematic approach for managing emergency situations of any magnitude. Our all hazards methodology employs mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies to ensure the viability of our sites and provide unparalleled support for all clinical and patient care activities.

### Internship Position Description

*Position Title:* Special Pathogens Program Intern (Unpaid, non-permanent internship)

#### *Intern Duties/Responsibilities:*

This is an opportunity for a highly motivated individual to contribute to NYC Health + Hospitals' systemwide, emergency management-centric approach to special pathogens preparedness and response activities and assist on 1) a local, city scale with the System Special Pathogens Program; 2) national scale with the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center [NETEC]; and 4) international scale with the Institute for Diseases and Disaster Management.

The Special Pathogens Project Intern, reporting to and working with the System-wide Special Pathogens Senior and Associate Directors, will provide support for the following:

- Support system-wide initiatives on special pathogens preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery activities (e.g., drills and exercises)
- Support special pathogens team in developing protocols, guidance's procedures and processes related to special pathogens and assist in addressing system-wide special pathogens preparedness and response needs
- Assist with designing, creating various resources and carrying out healthcare preparedness initiatives related to special pathogens and other communicable disease risks (e.g. trainings)
- Support program management and administrative support, carrying out tasks such as organizing documentation, following-up with appropriate healthcare partners, setting up and maintaining tracking sheets for preparedness activities and initiatives.
- Carry out administrative oversight for meeting/exercise coordination, calendaring, meeting handouts, presentation materials and other event logistics
- Support program management and administrative support from an 'all-hazards' approach to emergency management related activities.
- Assist in program activities related to The National Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) and The Institute for Diseases and Disaster Management (IDDM) (e.g., support development of HSEEP-complaint exercise templates).

## Educational Requirements

Previous experience working in fields related to public health, global health, emergency preparedness and response, planning and exercise, data analysis or infectious disease control and prevention is highly desirable.

Additionally, the ideal candidate for this position must be pro-active and self-motivated individual with ability to work in teams, a highly dynamic environment with multiple stakeholders and timelines, and have:

- A Bachelor's Degree or higher
- OR
- An undergraduate student majoring in public or global health, or related field

## Qualifications

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to research information and prepare reports and other correspondence
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite, especially Word and Excel
- Reliable, outgoing, and able to work independently and collaboratively in a team setting
- Ambitious, motivated, and enthusiastic

## Time Commitment

- Minimum 4 hours per week for 3 or more consecutive months.
- Internship is broken down by terms:
  - Spring (January – May)
  - Summer (June – August)
  - Fall (September – December)
- Terms and time commitment are flexible and can be determined based on the candidate's school and/or work schedule after receiving and internship offer.
- Internship extensions may be offered at the discretion of the Program Directors.
- Business hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Assignment Location

This internship has an in-person requirement at NYC Health + Hospitals Central Office Emergency Management: 50 Water Street, New York, NY, 10004.

Professional appearance and business attire required.

Remote opportunities are available on a case by case basis.

## Benefits

The position offers interns firsthand experience working in the nation's largest municipal healthcare delivery system, gaining direct exposure to myriad aspects of inter-agency relations, as staff coordinate daily with local, state and federal governmental agencies. This assignment also provides an opportunity for students to explore career options, apply academic knowledge and skills to the workplace, gain career skills, and build resumes and network with professionals in their field of interest.

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**To Apply**

Submit the following to [dhagatp@nychhc.org](mailto:dhagatp@nychhc.org) :

1. Resume
2. Statement of interest
  - Provide a summary of academic or professional experience and achievements as it relates to public health, healthcare, infectious disease prevention and/or management.
  - Describe focused interests, degree plans, and personal and career goals.
  - Share any personal stories or experiences, skills, or strengths, or unique characteristics.
3. Time commitment
  - Indicate proposed internship term(s) and hours per week.