

# HEALTH EQUITY INTERN

## Organization Summary

The Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN) is a non-profit research and evaluation organization providing scientific expertise and partnership in the key public health areas of healthy eating active living, food insecurity, policy advocacy and health equity. GSCN specializes in the development and implementation of mixed-methods approaches, which are primarily focused on measuring changes that occur through policy, systems, and environmental interventions. GSCN works nationally by providing research and evaluation services to communities, non-profits, academic and government institutions, and policymakers. For more information about GSCN, please visit [www.centerfornutrition.org](http://www.centerfornutrition.org). For this internship, we would like to operationalize the definition of health equity. As defined by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education, and housing, safe environments and health care."

## Job Summary

The Health Equity Intern will support GSCN Research Scientists, Project Managers, and Research Associates on projects related to health equity, health disparities, and community engagement. The Intern will be mentored by GSCN staff, and will be exposed to learning opportunities (e.g., conferences, webinars, etc.) related to health equity, social determinants of health, etc. The Intern will have the opportunity to engage with national stakeholders, and community organizations that serve a wide range of at-risk populations.

## Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Support the implementation of research and evaluation projects.
- Conduct and document literature reviews.
- Support the development of measurement tools including assessments, surveys, and interview guides.
- Prepare surveys for distribution by formatting paper forms or building electronic surveys.
- Aid in data collection efforts.
- Aid in the development of codebooks to ensure accurate data entry and storage.
- Transcribe qualitative data gathered from interviews, and prepare transcribed data for coding.
- Enter quantitative data into spreadsheets ensuring the appropriate data structure and security.
- Prepare data for analysis by cleaning, coding, and merging data.
- Support the development of project deliverables, including reports, presentations, and manuscripts.
- Participate in health equity (and social determinants of health) training opportunities, virtually and in-person as available.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in nutrition, social sciences, or health-related field.
- Experience working with community organizations and/or underserved populations.
- Research related experience (e.g., data collection).
- High level of attention to detail and ability to problem solve.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced team environment.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook).

## Salary

This is a paid internship and salary is commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits package provided.

## Job Type

This is a two-year, full-time internship located in Omaha, NE. Following the internship period, there may be an opportunity to transition into a permanent position.

## Travel

This position will include local and national travel (approximately 20% time) for data collection, conference attendance, and other research activities.

## How to Apply

To apply, please send a statement of interest and resume/CV to Leah Carpenter, Associate Director at [lcarpenter@centerfornutrition.org](mailto:lcarpenter@centerfornutrition.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.