School and Out-of-School Time Nutrition Programs Intern

Position Available
The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), a nonprofit public policy, research, and advocacy organization that works to end hunger in the U.S., is seeking an intern to work with FRAC’s child nutrition team, focusing primarily on the school and out-of-school time nutrition programs.

The intern will work with members of the child nutrition team to develop resources and communications targeted for a variety of stakeholders including state child nutrition agencies, anti-hunger and education advocates and school districts. Most of the work will be focused on expanding participation in the school and out-of-school time nutrition programs such as the School Meals Program, Summer Food Service Program, Afterschool Nutrition Programs and Pandemic-EBT.

This position will include significant exposure to policy making processes and interaction with leaders in the anti-hunger policy community.

Currently, FRAC employees are working in-person at the FRAC office or remotely and we anticipate that the intern will work remotely. Applicants in the DC area may have the opportunity to work at the FRAC office if they choose.

*The duration of the internship is flexible, but applicants will be expected to meet a minimum three-month commitment.*

Organizational Background
FRAC works to improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of people struggling against poverty-related hunger in the United States through advocacy, partnerships, and by advancing bold and equitable policy solutions. To attain this mission, FRAC engages in research, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance and training, and an array of communications strategies. In partnership with hundreds of national, state, and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations, schools, and labor organizations, FRAC addresses hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause.

FRAC’s child nutrition work is part of its Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, which focuses on increasing children’s access to the federal nutrition programs. The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs play a crucial role in reducing childhood hunger and improving children’s health and educational achievement. This position will provide valuable experience working with key stakeholders and advocates to increase school meal participation by children from low-income households, with a special focus on encouraging schools to adopt in-classroom breakfast programs and states to pass free healthy school meals for all legislation.
Skills and Qualifications
- Very strong writing and research skills; data analysis experience preferred.
- A collaborative approach to work and team interactions.
- Experience and/or demonstrated interest in child health, education, poverty, social justice, and/or nutrition-related issues.
- Understanding of hunger and poverty and their impact upon communities, families, and individuals.
- Commitment to working for social justice.
- Knowledge of the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Pandemic EBT, and other government programs for children from low-income households a plus
- Experience working with schools, public agencies, and nonprofits a plus.

Potential Projects
- Assist with identifying and writing up best practices to increase access to the school and out-of-school time nutrition programs.
- Assist with development and update of resources for stakeholders to use in their state—newsletter articles, presentations, and fact sheets.
- Track and update database of national, state, and local school nutrition program expansion efforts, including state legislation.
- Contribute to the development of FRAC’s annual data reports.
- Assist in developing webinars and trainings on the school and out-of-school time child nutrition programs.

Benefits
This internship can either be a paid position, at the rate of $17.80/hour for up to 20 hours per week or done to meet course/program requirements for course credit.

To Apply
Click here to submit a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample.

FRAC is especially interested in candidates with lived expertise with hunger or poverty who can contribute to the diversity of the organization.

FRAC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. FRAC is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on age, gender, race, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability, or ethnic or national origin.