



DCHS SCHOOL MEALS INTERN

Position Available

D.C. Hunger Solutions (DCHS), an initiative of the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), is seeking a fall intern to support our school meals work. The position reports to the Anti-Hunger Program Associate for Child Nutrition.

Organizational Background

FRAC is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve and implement effective public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC engages in research, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, outreach, technical assistance and training, and an array of communications strategies. FRAC works in partnership with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause.

Founded in 2002, D.C. Hunger Solutions is a separately staffed and budgeted initiative of FRAC, seeking to end hunger in the nation's capital. By leveraging substantial available federal dollars and improving D.C.'s operations of federal and local nutrition programs, D.C. Hunger Solutions work has helped to feed tens of thousands of District residents struggling with hunger and has increased access to healthy, affordable food. D.C. Hunger Solutions also leads or plays a key supporting role in the efforts of the various anti-hunger and anti-poverty coalitions throughout the city (e.g., the D.C. Fair Budget Coalition, the D.C. Food Policy Council, the Senior Advisory Coalition, and the Mayor's Commission on Healthy Youth and Schools). For more information on D.C. Hunger Solutions, visit: www.dchunger.org.

Duties Include

- Assist in the development of a school meals survey to be administered to all D.C. public school districts (about 70 local education agencies);
- Reach out to schools to ensure accurate data collection and track survey progress;
- Help analyze school meal data to assess trends in participation;
- Help craft policy and practice recommendations to increase school meal participation.
- Participate in site visits;
- Help write case studies and school profiles for publication on DCHS's website and in school meal reports;
- Conduct outreach to schools and afterschool programs to increase utilization of afterschool meals; and,
- Other duties as assigned.

Skills and Qualifications

- Working toward a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Public Health, Nutrition, Public Policy, or related field;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team;

- Knowledge of or experience with the federal nutrition programs (e.g. SNAP, WIC, NSLP, SBP, etc.) a plus;
- Experience with data analysis a plus;
- Experience with Google Forms a plus;
- Good sense of humor;
- Interest in school meal programs and child nutrition; and,
- Commitment to social justice.

Benefits

This internship may be done either to meet course /program requirements or as a volunteer. If done on a volunteer basis, FRAC will reimburse commuting expenses up to \$500.

Start Date

The start and end dates of the internship are flexible, but the ideal candidate will be available for an 8-12 week internship. Interns are expected to work approximately 15-20 hours per week.

To Apply

Send resume, writing sample (not to exceed three pages), and cover letter providing a summary of accomplishments and experience to:

D.C. Hunger Solutions
1200 18th Street N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036

E-mail: employment@dchunger.org (Please include "DCHS School Meals Interns" in subject line.)

Fax: 202-986-2525

No phone calls please

Closing Date

When filled. However, FRAC/DCHS seeks to hire a qualified individual as soon as possible.

FRAC is especially interested in candidates 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 sex, race, age, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic or national origin.