

**Opportunity Title:** EPA Public Health and Wildland Fire Smoke Events Internship

**Opportunity Reference Code:** EPA-ORD-CPHEA-PHESD-2020-03

**Organization** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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**How to Apply** A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. All transcripts must be in English or include an official English translation. Click [here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional recommendations. Click [here](#) for detailed information about recommendations.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

**Application Deadline** 9/30/2020 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** \*Applications may be reviewed on a rolling-basis and this posting could close before the deadline. Click [here](#) for information about the selection process.

**EPA Office/Lab and Location:** Two research opportunities are available at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), Center for Public Health Environmental Assessment (CPHEA), Public Health and Environmental Systems Division (PHESD) located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

**Research Project:** The objective of this research project is to inform strategies for improving community-level public health response to emergent environmental health concerns. Specifically, this research is designed to better understand the relationship between community-level environmental public health tools, community capacity, and community resilience.

**Learning Objectives:** The research participant may have the opportunity to be involved with and contribute to a range of research activities including: developing data collection instruments, data collection and management, data analysis, publications, and webinar/conference presentations. The research participant may learn how to and contribute to: developing and maintaining project progress and tracking spreadsheets; developing survey instruments using Qualtrics software; developing interview and focus group guides; data cleaning and management; analyzing quantitative and qualitative data using current software packages (e.g., R, NVivo, etc.); and developing publications and presentations.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Mary Clare Hano ([hano\\_maryclare@epa.gov](mailto:hano_maryclare@epa.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** September 2020. All start dates are flexible and vary depending on numerous factors. Click [here](#) for



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**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for one year and may be renewed up to three additional years upon EPA recommendation and subject to availability of funding.

**Level of Participation:** The appointment is part-time (10-25 hours per week).

**Participant Stipend:** The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Click [here](#) for detailed information about full-time stipends.

**EPA Security Clearance:** Completion of a successful background investigation by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required for an applicant to be on-boarded at EPA.

**ORISE Information:** This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and EPA. Participants do not become employees of EPA, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.





**Questions:** Please see the [FAQ section](#) of our website. After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email [EPArpp@ornl.gov](mailto:EPArpp@ornl.gov) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing a master's degree in one of the relevant fields.

Preferred skills:

- Data management (documentation, organization, cleaning)
- Conducting reviews of peer-reviewed literature and practitioner-oriented resources
- Experience in projects related to either health communication, community system change, wildland fire science, or other environmental/public health
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications (i.e., Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook)
- Strong written, oral, and electronic communication skills

**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Master's Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Graduate Students.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([2](#) )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([7](#) )
  - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** ([2](#) )
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([27](#) )
- **Veteran Status:** Veterans Preference, degree received within the last 120 month(s).