

Summer Program in Environmental Health (SUPEH)

Please read the required application materials carefully. **All application materials are due by February 11, 2015.**

Read about the program in [Putting Theory into Practice - CDC's Summer Program in Environmental Health \(SUPEH\).\[PDF - 508 KB\]\(http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/JEH/2011/Jan-Feb_Gerding_Kunz.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/JEH/2011/Jan-Feb_Gerding_Kunz.pdf)

Hear from four 2011 SUPEH interns about their experiences in [Environmental Health Internship Essentials.\[PDF - 208 KB\]\(http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/JEH/2012/Jan-Feb_SUPEH-interns.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/JEH/2012/Jan-Feb_SUPEH-interns.pdf)

Program Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Summer Program in Environmental Health (SUPEH) is a paid 10-week internship for undergraduate students majoring in environmental health in a program accredited by the [National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council \(EHAC\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/default.htm). Interns participate in activities with the [Environmental Health Services Branch \(EHSB\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/default.htm) of CDC's [National Center for Environmental Health \(NCEH\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/default.htm).

2013 SUPEH interns lead an Environmental Health in Emergency Response (EHTER) training module for fellow interns.

Over the summer, interns explore many aspects of environmental public health. Interns gain environmental health experience and an understanding of environmental health work at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

Interns collaborate with federal employees working in the environmental health field and develop mentoring relationships. Interns also shadow senior officials and scientists, spend time in local public health departments, and travel to important environmental health sites in the city of Atlanta and beyond. Interns also attend brown-bag lunches with CDC staff to discuss environmental health

topics and make presentations at CDC staff meetings. CDC's extensive lecture and seminar program is available to interns as well.

SUPEH interns and interns in the [Collegiate Leaders for Environmental Health \(CLEH\)](#) program attend many summer activities together. (Note: eligibility for the CLEH program differs from that of SUPEH. The SUPEH internship offers project work opportunities for students with existing experience in environmental health.)

Stipend

SUPEH interns receive a monthly stipend at a rate of approximately \$600 per week to assist with living expenses. This internship is facilitated through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. This stipend is delivered on a monthly basis at the end of each month. Interns will not receive their first paychecks until the last day of June.

All interns are responsible for the cost of travel to and from Atlanta and for housing and transportation during the internship. Information about student housing options can be found on the [CLEH Housing and Transportation page](#).

Information about things to do in Atlanta can also be found on the [CLEH](#) website.

Eligibility

SUPEH eligibility requirements:

- Environmental health major in a program accredited by the [National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council \(EHAC\)](#).
- U.S. citizenship or Permanent Resident with green card.
- Full-time enrollment at a college or university as a rising junior, senior, or graduate student. Students must be returning to school to complete degree requirements at the end of their internship OR the internship must serve as needed academic credit to complete degree requirements.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Other Important Information

- The internship must be accepted in the summer it is offered. Internships will not be deferred.

- Participation in the summer internship program, or acceptance of an award/stipend in connection with such participation, neither commits nor infers commitment to later employment by the participant, CDC, or the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE).
- All summer interns are considered guest researchers. As such, interns are subject to CDC regulations governing visiting scientists, guest researchers, and other professionals. These regulations determine access to CDC campuses and confirm an applicant's eligibility for the internship.
- Participation in the program is contingent on the applicant's ability to obtain the proper security clearances.
- All applicants are subject to a criminal records check and other background investigations conducted by the U.S. government. These inquiries develop information to assess various factors about the applicant, including reliability, trustworthiness, honesty, integrity, character, conduct, and loyalty to the United States.
- Each intern is responsible for payment of income taxes and is advised to become familiar with the relevant sections of the Internal Revenue Code and other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
- All interns must have current health insurance coverage acceptable in the state of Georgia.
- All applicants must be fluent in the English language.

To learn more about SUPEH intern activities while based in EHSB, see our [SUPEH About Us page](#).

2015 Timeline

Application opens: Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Notification of selection status: Friday, February 27, 2015.

Acceptance and initiation of paperwork: Friday, March 6, 2015.

Internship: Wednesday, June 10, to Friday, August 14, 2015.