



PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY HEALTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2018

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program?

The Community Health Internship Program (BTG CHIP) provides health-related service to underserved populations while training community responsive health and social service professionals. BTG CHIP is a paid 7-week summer internship for graduate students in the health and social service fields. Interns are placed at a community agency based on their interest, spending four days per week there, and one day per week in workshops. BTG is run by a consortium of the five major universities in the Philadelphia area: Drexel, UPenn, Temple, PCOM, and Jefferson.

2. What are the dates?

June 18 – August 3, 2018 with the annual symposium held in the fall.

3. Why should I do it?

Because: You will meet and work with all sorts of good and interesting people – clients, professionals in the community, students from different programs and different schools. You will be learning from experience as well as in workshops, readings, and discussion. This is an enriching experience which will make you a better person and professional. You will have a chance to see and learn more about Philadelphia. You will feel like you made a difference with your summer. **And**, because it's fun.

4. How much will I get paid?

Interns will be paid \$3,000, which translates to \$10.71/hour.

5. What is the process for applying to be an intern?

- a. The electronic application will be available starting in January at: www.bridgingthegaps.info. **The application (which is very simple) is due by: 5:00 p.m., February 16, 2018.**
- b. You must also hand in a 1-page personal statement about why you want to participate in BTG-CHIP. The personal statement should be sent to Elissa Goldberg, ejg32@drexel.edu. **The personal statement is also due by 5 pm, February 16, 2018.**

- c. Please submit your FAFSA application **as soon as possible (and before 3/1/18)**. You can start FAFSA before you do your taxes!
- d. We will schedule interviews during February and March.
- e. We will notify you of acceptance by the end of March.
- f. You will need to commit to the program by April 15, 2018.

6. What are the requirements for acceptance?

You must be a student in good-standing, completing your first year in your program. We are looking for people who are interested in working in the community and who feel like they can learn from this experience.

7. What are the responsibilities involved?

- a. You will be working 40 hours per week, which consists of 4 full work-days at your assigned community site, and one full-day of didactic sessions.
- b. Attendance at *all* Wednesday didactic sessions (morning and afternoon), which are held at a different campus each week.
- c. Weekly journal.
- d. Weekly data-collection forms about the work you did.
- e. Attendance at the Bridging the Gaps Heart Smart Reception, to be held during the middle week of BTG.
- f. Read the assigned BTG book and participate in discussion.
- g. With your team, you will write a project summary about the work you did.
- h. With your team, you will create a poster to be displayed at the BTG annual Symposium in the fall.
- i. Final report, due on the last day: August 3, 2018.
- j. Attend the Annual Symposium in the fall.

8. How will I be assigned to a community site?

When you have been accepted for BTG, we will ask you to complete a Placement Preference Form, indicating your top three choices of sites. We do our best to honor people's wishes.

9. How can I get more information?

<http://webcampus.drexelmed.edu/CommunityExperience/bridging.html>
or the Bridging the Gaps website: www.bridgingthegaps.info.

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Filing the FAFSA

The 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available as of January 1, 2018, at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Continuing students who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents should complete a FAFSA as soon as possible, and before March 1st (deadline for work-study). Drexel's school code is **003256**. Students can complete their FAFSA using estimated 2017 tax information; once they and their parents/guardians have completed 2017 taxes, they can log back into FAFSA and update it.