

Health, Administration

2019 Urban Scholars Position Description

Job Duties

Undergraduate

Once the Urban Scholar is oriented and trained, they will be assigned to lead the implementation of preparedness workshops with our 12 identified community organizations. The Health Department (MHD) has existing agreements in place with a variety of agencies who serve different populations in the City. Using the previously determined data regarding requested needs to be addressed, the Urban Scholar will engage those agencies, and plan and implement activities which may ensure resiliency and relationship building interactions. It is intended that the result of this work will increase community capacity to withstand disasters and also further build relationships and networking among all participants. Other potential projects to increase community resilience will be developed in conjunction with the Urban Scholar and depend on availability and their personal interests and skills. These may include creating information materials and disseminating through social media; on line training and support forums for staff; web site design; etc. By the project termination, successful outreach will have resulted in more engaged and informed community groups that have increased resiliency for emergencies.

Job Skills

1. Actively elicits and applies feedback to build professional skills and competencies.
2. Can independently gather information to make decisions based on informed results.
Ability to use cultural and social aspects to increase an intervention's effectiveness.
3. Can apply communication and group dynamic strategies in interactions with individuals and groups.
4. Technical skill in Microsoft Office applications and ability to drive.
5. Knowledge of City of Minneapolis neighborhoods, cultures, and political environment.

The Urban Scholar will benefit from working within a moderate sized but vibrant organization in a thriving urban environment. The health department specializes in entrepreneurial efforts focused on addressing the unique concerns of health disparities, creating a healthy urban community, and promoting healthy habits and life styles. Because the Urban Scholar will be a fully participating member of the health department's staff, the Urban Scholar will be able to learn about the department's variety of practices and work closely with staff on other department-wide initiatives. With the successful placement of previous Urban Scholars in our department, the students benefit by providing an effective and robust opportunity to help encourage entrants into the field of public service. The Urban Scholar will gain invaluable experience in both emergency preparedness and participation in and exposure to a variety of the department's public health disciplines, depending upon their interest.