

Community Health Initiative (CHI)

Student Consulting Project Application

Office for Business & Community Economic Development (BCED)
University of Minnesota

This application is for University of Minnesota students seeking a consulting project with a community-based nonprofit organization or small business. This Student Consulting Project will assist those nonprofits and businesses that focus directly on addressing public health issues or health disparities in underserved, socially and economically challenged communities.

Through funding support provided by Medica, the Office for Business & Community Economic Development will now offer the Community Health Initiative (CHI). The goal of this initiative is two-fold; to provide resources that help community-based nonprofit organizations that work in the areas impacting public health, social services, medicine, medical technology, or to help these organizations build capacity and improve their overall performance and effectiveness in communities of color; and secondly to provide University of Minnesota students with valuable applied learning experiences by linking them to opportunities in communities that face public health disparities and other socio-economic issues.

Student Consulting Projects will be offered during the fall and spring semesters. The BCED Program Manager receives applications for the program, and then matches qualifying clients with student consultants. One or more students are assigned to a project, depending on the scope and type of project requested. Graduate students enrolled at the University of Minnesota in the following schools are eligible and encouraged to participate in the CHI Student Projects: Public Health, Social Work, Medical School, Carlson School of Management, IT/Computer Science, Law School, Humphrey Institute, HRD and all other graduate schools on the Twin Cities campus.

Students who participate in the program:

- Gain valuable experience working with community-based nonprofit organizations or businesses serving diverse communities
- Develop hands-on professional skills
- Improve their communications and consulting skills
- Are exposed to potential careers and new industries
- Apply classroom knowledge to real-life management and operational situations
- Should expect to spend approximately 50-60 hours on the project
- Will have to submit an Engagement Letter and Work Plan at the start and a Project Summary Report and presentation at the completion of the project
- Will be paid a \$700.00 stipend at project completion

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ **Degree:** _____

Major area(s) of study: _____

What is your student status? Full Time Part Time

Are you employed by the University of Minnesota? Yes No

If so, how many hours a week do you work? _____

Are you an international student? Yes No

If so, are you allowed to work on campus? Yes No # Hours/wk _____

What type of visa do you have and when does it expire? _____

Do you have a car? Yes No

If you are interested in working with another student, please provide their name and e-mail address. _____

Are you interested in doing a consulting project for a:

_____ **Nonprofit** _____ **Business** _____ **Either Nonprofit or Business**

Please check the types of projects in which you have EXPERTISE and SKILLS in:

_____ Market Research and Analysis

_____ Communications

_____ Management Info Systems

_____ Finance and Accounting

_____ Marketing Plan Development

_____ Strategic Planning

_____ Feasibility Study

_____ Demography Studies

_____ Fund Development

_____ Human Resource Management

_____ Program Development

_____ Business Plan Development

_____ Operations Management

_____ Nonprofit Management

_____ IT/Technology Development

_____ Internet/Web Design

_____ Supply Chain Management

_____ Program Evaluation/Measurement

_____ Community Health Education

_____ Social Work

_____ Population Health Coordination

_____ Nursing Care/Management

_____ Health/Medical Research

Please share any other information about yourself, your experiences or your studies that would be useful in considering your application.

It is expected that students will spend approximately 50-60 hours on the project throughout the school semester and will have some flexibility in their schedule to accommodate meetings with the nonprofit or business representative.

Please list any scheduled events that may affect your participation. (for example, if you are unable to work on a project before or after a certain date, or if you will be taking an extended trip.)

To aid in scheduling meetings and matching students with clients, we ask that you provide information about your typical weekly schedule.

Please write down the times WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE for project work or meetings.

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| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| Friday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |
| Sunday | | | | |

To be considered for the Fall 2011 semester projects, please return the completed application and submit a résumé by Wednesday, September 14th, 2011.

For your convenience and to ensure a faster turnaround, you may also APPLY ONLINE at:
www.bced.umn.edu/chi

For more information, please contact:

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