

### Center for Public Health Law Research



# JOB OPENING — Summer Intern

#### **Job Description**

The Policy Surveillance Program is a national initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to promote effective regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health. The program is housed at Temple University's Center for Public Health Law Research at the Beasley School of Law.

The Policy Surveillance Program seeks applications from law school students to fill four to six Summer Intern positions. The interns will form part of the dynamic and expanding the program's legal team, which consists of lawyers and other public policy professionals dedicated to using policy surveillance as a tool to support better-informed public health laws and policies.

The interns will conduct legal research using LexisNexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline, and state legislative websites; conceptualize the scope of legal research projects for emerging public health law topics; and collaborate with other staff members to perform other policy surveillance and research tasks as assigned. The intern's primary task will be to collect and analyze statutory and regulatory law for the creation of quantitative legal datasets at LawAtlas.org, a policy surveillance tool that maps and compares public health laws across states/jurisdictions over time. The interns will also write reports, research protocols, and other materials for LawAtlas.org that accompany and synthesize the information presented in datasets.

#### Qualifications

- Law school student
- Outstanding legal research and writing skills, including statutory and regulatory research experience
- Analytic or scientific process skills, including the ability to observe, infer, measure, communicate and classify features in the law
- Demonstrated organizational skills and strong attention to detail
- Demonstrated ability to work collegially with others as part of a team
- Strong computer skills, including experience with: Microsoft Office Suite (particularly Excel), collaborative document-sharing tools like Google Docs, Adobe Acrobat, and web-interfaces

## Salary, Hours, and Location

This is a paid position. Alternatively, the Policy Surveillance Program will work with universities to provide interns with credits or work-study funding. Selected candidates must be available to work 30-40 hours per week for eight to ten weeks. Interns will report to the Policy Surveillance Program's office at Temple University's main campus in Philadelphia, PA. Telework may be made available, if necessary.

#### **Additional Information**

For more information on the Policy Surveillance Program and to view examples of the legal research work produced by the program, please visit: <a href="http://lawatlas.org/">http://lawatlas.org/</a>. Please direct any questions about the position via e-mail to Lindsay Cloud, Director – Policy Surveillance Program: <a href="mailto:lindsay.cloud@temple.edu">lindsay.cloud@temple.edu</a>.