



Internship FAQs

Who We Are and What We Do

The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) was established in the June 2017 and is charged by Connecticut General Statutes 19a-754a with:

“(1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive health care vision for the state, including, but not limited to, a coordinated state health care cost containment strategy;...”

The mission of OHS is to implement comprehensive, data driven strategies that promote equal access to high quality health care, control costs and ensure better health for the people of Connecticut. Working with comprehensive data and experts from inside and outside government, OHS will develop policies that support state-led multi-payer healthcare payment and service delivery reforms. OHS consists of three teams: Health Data & Analysis, Healthcare Innovation, and Health Systems Planning.

What We Offer

Students will participate in healthcare policy or public engagement projects with a staff member who will supervise and mentor him or her. Assigned tasks may include research and writing, data analysis, creating presentations for public education and helping to organize meetings or events. All interns will have an opportunity to develop goals for personal and professional growth with the understanding that professional development is a continuous process. Experiences will vary by assignment, the supervising preceptor or mentor, and the time the student can commit.

Who Should Apply

Students currently enrolled in a graduate-level degree program at a college or university for one of the following: Public Health, Public Administration, Public Policy, Healthcare Administration, Social Work, Nursing, and law students with a focus on health law.

Academic Credit

Granting credit is at the discretion of the educational institution. OHS will make every effort to satisfy the requirements for supervision and evaluation to allow students to earn credit.

Internships at OHS are *not* paid positions. OHS is happy to work with students to develop proposals for institutions that provide a stipend.



How to Apply

All prospective interns must complete an OHS internship application. Request and submit completed applications to ohs@ct.gov. Please put internship in the subject line. In addition, applicants should provide a cover letter and current resume with the application.

When to Apply

OHS prefers internships for the full academic year but will also consider one-semester internships.

For the full academic year beginning in September, applications must be received by June 30.

Summer Internships (May/June-August) Apply between Dec. 1 and March 15.

Fall Semester (September-December) Apply between April 1 and June 30.

Spring Semester (January-May): Apply between August 1 and November 15.

There is a limited number of open slots for each semester. Applications are considered as they are received, so students are advised to apply early. OHS reserves the right to consider applications received at other times on a case-by-case basis.

Internships are competitive and based on preceptor availability. OHS does not guarantee placements.

Inquiries and applications should be sent to Jeannina.Thompson@ct.gov