



Food on the Move Evaluation Graduate Internship – Qualitative Data Analysis

Background

The Rhode Island Public Health Institute's (RIPHI) mission is to promote community health and to eliminate health disparities in Rhode Island and beyond. Through strong community partnerships, we develop innovative public health programs, conduct translational and policy research, and train students and public health practitioners. RIPHI's Food on the Move is a mobile produce market that aims to reduce disparities in food access for all Rhode Islanders. Food on the Move reduces barriers of cost and geographic access to healthy, culturally relevant fruits and vegetables by bringing produce to diverse communities that face inequity in health outcomes. In addition, Food on the Move offers a 50% discount to customers that use their SNAP/EBT card for purchases, helping to make the produce offerings more affordable.

Position Description:

RIPHI launched a large-scale evaluation of Food on the Move during Summer 2018, including a customer survey and focus groups with SNAP recipients. We are currently analyzing data and preparing reports to disseminate our findings in both the peer-reviewed literature and professional conferences. RIPHI seeks a graduate intern to assist the RIPHI Evaluation Team with qualitative data analysis and reporting. The graduate intern will assist the Lead Evaluator with analyzing the focus group transcripts and summarizing findings for both academics and practitioners. The intern will also assist with developing study instruments for a pilot diabetes prevention study, including a longitudinal survey and biometric measurements. The final deliverable for this position is a poster presentation and/or scientific report. This position provides an excellent opportunity to gain experience with program evaluation related to food access in a community setting.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Graduate student in public health, nutrition, or related degree
- Interest in public health interventions and/or program evaluation
- Academic course(s) in quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Experience with statistical software (SAS, Stata, SPSS, nVivo)
- Experience working in a diverse community setting
- Must be CITI trained and certified before start date
- Highly organized, reliable, professional
- Strong writing skills
- Commitment for 2019-20 school year

Compensation:

This is a paid position (stipend). The student is expected to work a <u>minimum</u> of 200 hours on projects and deliverables, at least 150 of which must be working physically at the agency.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to intern@riphi.org. Subject line should read "NEPHTC Food on the Move."