



SOPHE/ATSDR Student Fellowship in Environmental Health Promotion

Application Deadline: September 15, 2008



The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is accepting applications for one-year student fellowships in environmental health promotion, funded by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR). This fellowship is designed to recognize, assist and train students working on research or practice-based projects in environmental health education/health promotion or environmental justice from the perspective of health education or the behavioral sciences.

Recipients of the award will receive the following:

- \$1,500 stipend to be distributed throughout the year;
- Fellowship certificate of completion;
- Free student membership in national SOPHE for one year;
- Complimentary registration at the 2009 SOPHE Annual Meeting and awards banquet, to be held in Philadelphia, PA, where they will have an opportunity to display and/or provide an oral presentation on the proposed project; and
- Recognition in SOPHE's newsletter, *News & Views*, on SOPHE's web site, and related professional list serves.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Students are **not** required to be national SOPHE members at the time they apply.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student (9 credit hours or more) in a Masters or Doctoral degree program in environmental health, health education, health promotion, behavioral sciences or a related field.
- Proposed projects should be either research or practice-based, and focus on environmental health education/health promotion or environmental justice from the perspective of health education or the behavioral sciences. Proposed projects may be new or on-going, and the applicant must have the primary role in conducting the project.
- Projects may be related to surveillance, risk factor identification, or intervention development, evaluation, or dissemination. Projects related to the development or use of theory in environmental health also are acceptable.
- Recipients will be required to submit a signed fellowship agreement form, a project timeline, and a brief, mid-year progress report at assigned dates throughout the fellowship period.
- For their final project, recipients must prepare a poster and/or oral presentation for the SOPHE Annual Meeting in 2009 (Philadelphia, PA). Submission of a presentation abstract will also be required.
- Fellowship recipients will also be encouraged to prepare a manuscript based on their work, and submit it for publication in one of SOPHE's two journals, *Health Education and Behavior*, or *Health Promotion Practice*.

Review Criteria:

- Proposals will be reviewed by a SOPHE/ATSDR Environmental Health Promotion Fellowship Selection Committee for their scientific and/or theoretical basis, originality, and potential contribution to health education's role in environmental health promotion. More specifically, applicants will be ranked according to address the following, where applicable: Identify the problem and/or rationale, Describe the theoretical/conceptual basis for the project, Describe any priority populations involved, Demonstrate the adequacy of research design and methodology, Explain the process for data collection and analysis, Address cultural competency, Describe the implementation, evaluation, & dissemination of research, Address priority health issues, and Describe the contribution/impact on environmental health promotion. Applications will also be reviewed for quality of writing.

Application Procedures:

- Students must submit the original and three copies of: a completed application form; a current resume or curriculum vitae; and a project proposal describing the rationale, intended purpose, process/methodology, and potential contribution or impact of the project in 800 words or less. In addition, applications should include one letter of recommendation (from an internship coordinator, preceptor, faculty member or other professional); and one letter of support from a designated faculty member who plans to work with the applicant on the proposed project and can verify that the student is following a course of study in one of the above mentioned disciplines. Letters should be sealed in envelopes with authors' signatures across the seal.
- Application packets should be sent to: Society for Public Health Education, Environmental Health Promotion Fellowship, 10 G Street NE, Suite # 605, Washington, DC 20002. ***All applications must be received on or before September 15, 2008 to qualify for consideration.***

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