



ST. MARY'S COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2023 Summer Student Academy in Public Health

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is the local health department for St. Mary's County, Maryland. SMCHD is responsible for protecting and promoting the health of our community and addressing public health needs.

SMCHD's **Student Academy in Public Health (SAPH)** provides an opportunity for rising and current high school seniors to have hands-on experience in the field of public health.

SAPH student interns volunteer up to 110 hours of their time towards the following internship components:

- Work within a team of other interns to learn about and to analyze a key public health topic - then propose a local public health intervention to benefit the community on this issue
- Actively participate in weekly public health group learning/discussions
- Critically think about and discuss current events from a public health perspective
- Shadow different local public health services and participate in field experiences, community partner meetings, and community outreach and education events
- Complete introductory e-learning modules on the basics of public health

APPLY ONLINE AT:
SMCHD.ORG/JOBS

Program Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in and attending a high school program (rising and current seniors) OR rising college freshmen
- Provide an up-to-date transcript of all courses taken prior to starting the internship
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or above under the system of grading used by the school program (official school documentation may be requested)
- Submit an application, resume, transcript, and optional letter of recommendation from someone who can attest to the applicant's dedication to learning and ability to work well with others (such as a teacher, advisor, former employer or coach)
- Provide evidence that the applicant is currently enrolled in and attending a school program
- Willing and able to intern for about 5 weeks (20-25) hours per week

Internship Details:

- July 10 - August 11, 2023
- Monday - Friday (*some evening and weekend events may be scheduled*)

Deadline to submit application materials: Friday April 14, 2023

Virtual Information Session:

- **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
- Learn more about the program
- Open to interested students and parents/guardians
- **Contact us to register:**
smchd.hr@maryland.gov
or (301) 475-4330 (ask for HR)

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