



School Nutrition Programs Summer Intern

Position Available

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), a nonprofit public policy, research, and advocacy organization that works to end hunger in the U.S., is seeking an intern to work with FRAC's child nutrition team, focusing primarily on the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The intern will work with members of the child nutrition team to develop resources targeted for a variety of stakeholders including state child nutrition agencies, anti-hunger and education advocates, and school districts to expand participation in the school nutrition programs, and will provide research support on emerging issues effecting the programs. This position will include significant exposure to policy making processes and interaction (conference calls, meetings, etc.) with leaders in the anti-hunger and nutrition policy community.

Organizational Background

The Food Research and Action Center is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC works in partnership with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause. FRAC engages in research, policy analysis and advocacy, dissemination and implementation of best practices, coalition-building and an array of communications strategies. As such, FRAC's works includes widely relied-upon reports and analyses, social media content and media tools such as news releases, op-eds and letters to the editor.

FRAC's child nutrition work is part of its Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, which focuses on increasing children's access to the federal nutrition programs. The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs play a crucial role in reducing childhood hunger and improving children's health and educational achievement. This position will provide valuable experience working with key stakeholders and advocates to increase school meal participation by low-income children, with a special focus on encouraging schools to adopt in-classroom breakfast programs and universal free meal programs.

Skills and Qualifications

- Very strong writing and research skills; data analysis experience preferred.
- Experience and/or demonstrated interest in child health, education, poverty, social justice, and/or nutrition-related issues.

- Understanding of hunger and poverty and their impact upon communities, families, and individuals.
- Knowledge of the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, and other government programs for low-income children preferred.
- Commitment to working for social justice.
- Experience working with schools, public agencies, and nonprofits a plus.

Potential Projects

- Assist with development of technical assistance resources for state agencies and school districts to implement the Community Eligibility Provision
- Assist with monthly newsletter to inform key stakeholders of news and updates affecting the School Breakfast Program.
- Track and update database of national, state, and local school nutrition program expansion efforts, including state legislation and available grant funding opportunities for schools.
- Assist with development of resources for stakeholders to promote in-classroom breakfast in their state—newsletter articles, presentations, fact sheets, and drafting case studies based on webinar presentations.
- Update contact database for annual breakfast participation surveys and assist with survey outreach efforts.

Benefits

This internship may be done either on a volunteer basis or to meet course / program requirements. FRAC may also provide up to \$500 reimbursement for commuting costs for mileage or public transportation. Summer interns are expected to work at least 24 hours per week.

To Apply

Email cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to employment@frac.org. Include “School Nutrition Programs Summer Intern” in subject line.

FRAC is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity of the organization.

FRAC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. FRAC is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on sex, race, age, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic or national origin.