



School Nutrition Programs Summer Intern January 23, 2015

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 a summer 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

FRAC 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 with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, state and local public agencies, schools, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger, food insecurity, and their root cause, poverty.

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 and collection of data and surveys for FRAC's reports on related to the School Breakfast Program.
- Assist with development of technical assistance resources for state agencies and school districts to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (the newest federal option for serving free school meals in high poverty schools).
- Create 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 in-classroom breakfast menu planning resources for schools, including creating sample menus and identifying best practices for improving nutrition quality.
- Research emerging issues related to education reform and potential intersection with school meals programs.

Benefits

This internship may be done either on a volunteer basis or to meet course / program requirements. If this is done on a volunteer basis, FRAC will reimburse commuting expenses up to \$500. Summer interns are expected to work at least 32 hours per week.

To Apply

Email cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to employment@frac.org. Include "Child Nutrition Summer Intern" in subject line.

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