



University of Southern California

BHC Research Associate Internship Announcement

The USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE) seeks to hire young adult research associates to assist with the evaluation of BHC youth programs and disseminate evaluation results. This youth program evaluation aims to measure the impacts of BHC youth programs on the lives of youth participants and their communities. The evaluation will also provide timely feedback to BHC youth-serving groups on the strengths and areas of growth of their programming.

One young adult researcher per BHC site will be selected to help design and implement the youth program evaluation. This internship will provide research associates with basic training on survey questionnaire design and community action research.

Stipend: \$1000, paid in four \$250 installments

Time Commitment: Approximately 65 hours between May – November 2013

Applications deadline: April 22, interns will be selected by May 1

Responsibilities

- Attend a 4 hour training in May/June 2013 in Los Angeles, Fresno, or Oakland accessible to multiple BHC sites
- Obtain IRB CITI Certification online through USC website (approximately 2 hours) or other research university.
- Contribute to the development of Youth Web Survey instrument
- Test Draft Youth Web Survey instrument and provide written feedback over email
- Collect research consent forms from youth participants and parents (for minors) in BHC site
- Disseminate web survey link to BHC youth in one community
- Encourage BHC youth to take short web survey
- Attend a 2 hour meeting to discuss research results and dissemination plan
- Share survey results with BHC youth groups, and other BHC funded organizations as appropriate
- Respond to email or phone communication in a timely manner
- Other research-related duties assigned by PERE

Qualifications

- Excellent communication skills
- Must have at least one year prior experience as a member or staff of a BHC youth organization.
- Ties to more than BHC youth serving group (preferred)
- Available to travel to Los Angeles, Fresno, or Oakland for one meeting without supervision.
- Because this evaluation aims to promote TCE's youth development goals, applicants must be at least 18 years of age and consider themselves a youth

Application process:

Applications must be emailed to Christopher Rodriguez, PERE Research Assistant at: christbr@usc.edu

The subject of the email should be "BHC Research Associate"

The application should include a cover letter, resume, and references to three adults connected to the applicant's BHC site. The cover letter should specify the applicants ties to BHC youth organizations and motivations for applying to the internship.