ENHANCING WORKER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY

The Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP) plays an integral role in the academic mission of the Berkeley School of Public Health (BPH) through teaching and providing internships that give students practical, meaningful experience with workers in union and community settings. We also work to make academic resources accessible to workers and the community by facilitating university–community partnerships.

IN THE CLASSROOM

- **LOHP’s Class: Social Justice and Worker Health (PH271J).** In this graduate level class, students learn how working conditions influence health outcomes and how the social, economic, and political context of work determines who has access to good, healthy jobs. It provides students with practical skills in training, analysis, and partnership development and features guest speakers from local worker campaigns.
- **Guest lectures.** LOHP staff provides guest lectures to share real-world examples in UC Berkeley graduate and undergraduate courses, as well as in other local UC, CSU and community college courses.
- **Student projects.** LOHP provides opportunities on request for students to connect with worker-focused projects and partners, to help meet class project requirements.

INTERNSHIPS/RESIDENCIES/JOB SHADOWING

- **Summer Internships**
  - **LOHP Summer Internship.** Students apply new skills while learning about real world issues in the field of occupational safety and health.
  - **Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP).** LOHP is the Bay Area coordinator of this national summer program. Graduate and undergraduate students are paired up to work with a union, worker center, or community-based organization to investigate health and safety problems identified by workers.
- **Residencies.** Occupational medicine residents from UCSF’s School of Medicine participate in month-long worker-focused rotations.
- **Job Shadowing.** Through these short experiences (single day to multi-day), students join staff at project meetings or statewide coalition or policy meetings and learn about context through one-on-one meetings with project coordinators.
- **Work study or other student employment.** Grant-dependent project work is sometimes available.

RESEARCH

- **Facilitating community partnerships/community engaged research.** LOHP works with faculty to make connections with labor unions, worker centers, and other worker-centered community organizations to guide and facilitate research leading to action.
- **Opportunities for students.** When possible, LOHP builds student positions into appropriate community-engaged research projects, and can work with faculty to do this as well.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Find out more about our program by clicking the informational flyer!
- For questions, scheduling or signing up for any of these opportunities, contact Diane Bush at dbush@berkeley.edu.

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