

# BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICUM SCHOLAR AWARD PROGRAM

*Preparing graduates for success in the field of public health.*

## About the Award

Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH) is pleased to announce a new Practicum Scholar Award beginning in Summer 2018 to fund students who embark on unpaid internships at nonprofits, NGOs, governmental and public health agencies dedicated to improving the health of domestic and global populations. As a practice-based school of public health, BUSPH is committed to fostering experiential learning activities to better prepare our graduates to be successful in the world of work.

## Information for Students

MPH students will have the chance to be awarded up to \$2,000 through a competitive selection process. Practicum Scholar Awards will be considered for practicums beginning after May 14, 2018. To be eligible, you must be a current student at BUSPH with a minimum GPA of 3.2. The practicum must be a minimum of 240 hours with a preference for longer engagements.

## Expectations

Students need to have a practicum site identified at the time of the application submission. All standing BUSPH Practicum requirements, policies and procedures are applicable to the placement. Those who have already begun a practicum in a previous semester are not eligible for this award.

Award recipients are expected to showcase their practicum experience through a feature in SPH Today, writing a practicum report, and engaging with BUSPH community members for events such as a "Welcome Back" or "Practicum Showcase" activity. For more information, contact [sphpract@bu.edu](mailto:sphpract@bu.edu).

## How to Apply:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Minimum of 3.2 GPA
- Compelling 240 hour practicum opportunity made possible by this award
- Quality and focus of practicum and how it links to your professional goals
- The level of responsibility associated with the practicum
- A practicum that will strengthen or create connections between BUSPH and partner organization

Please submit the following documents to [sphpract@bu.edu](mailto:sphpract@bu.edu) using the subject line "Practicum Scholar Application":

- Résumé/CV (no longer than 2 pages)
- Personal statement (max of 500 words) describing practicum, its connection to your educational experience and goals, and the applicability of the criteria outlined above
- BUSPH Unofficial Transcript

Note: For clarity, name your files as follows: `lastname_resume.doc`, etc.

Application cycle will open May 14 and close May 21, 2018. Subsequent cycles may occur until all funds are expended. Applications will be evaluated by the Practicum Committee, comprised of faculty from across the school and staff from the Career Services and Practicum Office. Recipients will be notified within two weeks following the application deadline.

The mission of Boston University School of Public Health is to improve the health of local, national, and international populations, particularly the disadvantaged, underserved, and vulnerable, through excellence and innovation in education, research, and service.