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Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities

Partner organization name: Nebraska Cures

Partner organization website: <https://nebraskacures.com/>

Partner organization brief description: Nebraska Cures supports, promotes, and advocates for scientific research and education to advance our quality of life and our economy. They do this by educating the public and policymakers on health science research and pressing public health issues and strengthening and diversifying the research career pipeline.

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Description of partner organization's priority opportunities (APEX activities):

- Mental Health Coalition Support – Contribute to stakeholder engagement and developing a strategy to address gaps in coalition support and membership expansion. This includes identifying new, frontline partners and those with lived experience, and developing communication materials about the coalition, its goals, and mission.
- Mental Health Policy – Identifying and developing short term policy priorities related to integrative care and better access to mental health care through schools. Developing white papers and other resources based on policy initiatives ahead of October convening.
- Toolkit for Engagement in Biomedical Research – Creating an advocacy tool kit including creating a fact sheet with talking points for those wanting to engage on the federal and local level with policymakers.
- Toolkit for STEM Professionals – Developing resources and support for key populations in STEM fields as policies and programs change.
- Other Emergent Activities – As the landscape continues to shift in biomedical research funding, additional activities may arise.

Timeframe of proposed activities: Summer 2025; May – July 2025

Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:

Activities will significantly increase capacity and allow Nebraska Cures to have a greater reach in the community.

Benefit of proposed activities to the student:

Student will gain hands-on experience working with a broad range of stakeholders and advance their skills in advocacy.

Skill sets of students requested:

Activities will be tailored to the student's interest and skill set. Preference is to students who enjoy advocacy and have strong writing skills.

*Note—An affiliation agreement will be required prior to student engagement

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Additional Information (format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location): This opportunity could be completed in a hybrid or remote setting. Depending on the emerging needs of the organization during the summer and the comfort of preceptor and student, there may be opportunities for on-site engagement and programming.