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Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities

Partner organization name: National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

Partner organization website: www.neha.org

Partner organization brief description: We are the leading organization supporting environmental health professionals in the US and the world, providing training, credentialing, education, advocacy, and resources for our members and partners. We represent more than 7,000 governmental, private, academic, and uniformed services sector environmental health professionals in the U.S., its territories, and internationally.

Partner organization's point of contact name and email: Adrienne Gothard, agothard@neha.org. *Please note that these opportunities are not listed on our website, so all inquiries should be directed to Ms. Gothard via direct email.

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

- 1) Climate & Children's Health – support the grant project coordinator in conducting research and an environmental scan of existing resources for a manuscript, and supporting the development of a pre-conference workshop for our Annual Education Conference (AEC). Possibility of attending the 2025 NEHA AEC in Phoenix, AZ (July 13-17, 2025) to support climate & children's health project activities, as well as general NEHA activities, including but not limited to assisting with the student networking reception and NEHA exhibit booth.
 - Possible products: environmental scan report/materials, workshop training materials

- 2) Water Quality – support the grant project coordinator in developing evidence-based resources for the [Private Water Network \(PWN\)](#), including the development of newsletters, factsheets, and disaster preparedness materials focused on water safety and onsite wastewater systems. Assist in engaging members in the online PWN Community. Support the development of the PWN pre-conference workshop for the Annual Education Conference. Possibility of attending the 2025 NEHA AEC in Phoenix, AZ (July 13-17, 2025) to support PWN project activities, as well as general NEHA activities, including but not limited to assisting with the student networking reception and NEHA exhibit booth.
 - Possible products: workshop training materials, member newsletter

Timeframe of proposed activities:

- Climate & Children's Health: May – July 2025 (opportunity to start before May)
- Water Quality: May – July 2025 (opportunity to start before May)

Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:

- Assist project coordinators with completing grant activities
- Assist staff with AEC event activities
- Provide the student perspective to the organization, helping to guide NEHA student initiatives

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

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Benefit of proposed activities to the student:

- Learn about the work of an environmental public health non-profit organization
- Assist with environmental public health projects
- Gain experience working with federally funded grant projects
- [If funding available] Attend a national conference to network with over 1,000 attendees, support NEHA staff, and attend educational sessions

Skill sets of students requested:

- Professional communication skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to work in interdisciplinary teams and collaborate on projects related to environmental public health
- Sensitivity to different cultural, social, and economic contexts, especially in communities where environmental health issues are addressed
- Excellent organizational skills with a focus on time management, specifically in a remote work setting

Additional Information (format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location):

- Virtual/remote work for the majority of the experience. Preceptor may be located in a different time zone (likely Mountain or Pacific).
- [If funding allows] In-person for the NEHA AEC July 13-17 in Phoenix, AZ
- Student will need access to a personal computer with up-to-date security software
- Student will be required to undergo a background check and sign a Student Intern Agreement, outlining the specific requirements and expectations of being a student intern with NEHA, and complete mandatory HR on-boarding with NEHA.