

## **Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities**

**Organization name:** Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)

**Organization website:** <https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/>

**Organization brief description:**

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) serves a seven-state region including North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. CS-CASH has projects focusing on respiratory disease research, injury surveillance, hearing protection, tractor and equipment safety, feedyard safety, and educational needs of farmers, including non-traditional farmers, their family members, and workers. Our goal is to serve the farming community by discovering causes of injury and illness and communicating information about prevention in ways that reaches as many farmers as possible.

We collaborate with our neighboring agricultural safety and health centers, based out of Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Texas. Each of these Centers has unique projects and focus areas.

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**Description of Needs-- APEX:**

- Travel across the Midwest sharing educational information about respiratory health, hearing conservation, sun safety and injury prevention with agricultural workers and their families. There is an opportunity almost weekly!
- Desire to work finding innovative, impactful ways to spread the message of ag health and safety (outreach). The Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health wants to go viral (in a great healthy way...). We are looking for students who have a passion for spreading a health and safety message via social media- Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, Flickr....
- Developing enduring resources related to Ag Safety and Health. From pamphlets to videos we are always in need of creative input.
- Analyze research data collected by the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH). We have a lot of projects that have data to crunch. This is a great opportunity to try out your BioStat skills and assist with manuscripts.

**Timeframe of proposed activities:**

Ongoing

**Additional Information:**

Carpooling may be available for any travel and outreach part of CS-CASH.

\*Note—Affiliation agreement documentation will be required prior to student placement