The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) is one of the nation’s leading nonprofits working on public policy issues affecting low-income families and individuals. It has a national reputation for conducting rigorous research and analysis, developing policy ideas and strategies, shaping a broad array of policy debates at the federal and state levels, and influencing policy outcomes. It works on budget and tax policy, health care, and a range of other policies and programs important to low- and moderate-income people. The Center’s funding comes from private foundations and individuals.

The Health Policy division is involved actively in policy discussions related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medicaid, children’s health insurance, and other health care issues that affect low- and moderate-income families. The health policy intern assists in all aspects of this process including research, qualitative and quantitative analysis, data collection and management, and strategic problem solving with the ultimate objective being to develop an understanding of how various administrative policies and legislative proposals will affect families and federal and state budgets.

Qualifications:

- Coursework in health care policy, social statistics, or research methods is desirable
- Candidates should have a demonstrated interest in health care policy, general familiarity with the ACA, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program
- Basic quantitative and analytic skills, and the ability to synthesize large amount of data
- Experience translating policy into public products through writing or graphics work preferred
- Understanding of and appreciation for the Center’s mission, and interest in improving health care for low-income families
- Basic familiarity with U.S. health insurance infrastructure
- Education: Current undergraduate students, graduate/PhD students, or recent graduates

Successful interns will have a commitment to the Center’s mission to improve the well-being of low- and moderate-income people and advance racial equity as part of the Center’s work.

To expand the diversity of voices that speak with authority in federal and state policy debates, the Center’s internship program identifies highly motivated candidates — with particular attention to candidates having experience with communities that are underrepresented in policy debates — with a demonstrated interest in working on public policies that affect low-income and diverse communities and have implications for racial equity.

International students are welcome to apply. The Center does not provide financial sponsorship for visas or work permits. You must have documentation of work authorization for the U.S. AND a U.S. Social Security number to be employed by the Center. (Please indicate that you are an international student on the application form.)

**Application deadline:** June 1, 2021, 11:59PM EST  
**Fall 2021 Internship Start Date:** September 7, 2021  
**Internship End Date:** Mid-December 2021

**Compensation:**

- Undergraduate students receive $15.00 per hour.
- Students with a bachelor's degree receive $16.00 per hour.
- Graduate students receive $17.00 per hour.
- Students with a master’s or law degree receive $18.00 per hour.
- Doctoral students may receive $17.00 - $20.00, depending on progress towards completion of degree requirements, relevant coursework, and research.

**Required application materials:**

- Cover letter (please include a discussion of what draws you to the mission of the Center)
- Résumé
Transcripts
Contact information for two references

Only complete applications submitted electronically through our system will be considered. Once you submit your application, you will receive an electronic confirmation. Applications submitted by mail or email will not be accepted. Due to the volume of applications received, only candidates selected for interview will be contacted. We are unable to respond to individual inquiries about the status of your application. Visit https://www.cbpp.org/careers/intern for more information about the Center’s internship program. No phone calls, please.

If you have read all of the information on this website about internships at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and still have an inquiry about the application process, please email: internship@cbpp.org.

Please submit your application here.

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