



## Internship for Public Policy Student

**About CIPTT:** CIPTT is a 501 (c)3 public charity that owns and runs an intergenerational garden at E. 39<sup>th</sup> street and Community College Ave. E. 39<sup>th</sup> Community Garden grows and distributes free of charge, produce and herbs that help residents manage chronic illness. We hire interns who have special challenges and provide internship and entrepreneurial opportunities in horticulture.

**Mission:** The Mission of the E. 39th Community Garden is to “Empower Wellness in Central Together,” and provides produce, herbs, a pollinator and honey bee habitat providing healthy options for persons with chronic illness, and grows jobs and entrepreneurship skills in horticulture for both post-graduate and East Tech High School (ET) students, disabled and low-income, ages 14-20. We seek to create a safe and secure space for disabled students to thrive as productive citizens of our community; and 2) to provide after-school experiential learning programs and support entrepreneurship for resident adults in horticulture.

**Project Goals:** The goal is to empower young people in Central to understand and assess nutritional value of food from Central’s food sources to advocate for healthier food choices. This after-school NEZ Planning Pilot seeks to 1) validate social determinants that affect teen food choices; 2) train high school students on nutrient values of food and how to cook healthy food using hot plates, microwaves, air fryers and toaster ovens (recognizing many residents don’t have stoves); and 4) develop a rubric that rates and maps healthy food choice options in Central, at corner stores, gas marts and other food sources and reflect the findings in an interactive map. The data collected will help residents locate healthy food sources and prioritize the legislative agenda for a Nutrition Equity Zone. CSU students will be working on 4) above to analyze the data collected by the students and to make recommendations of legislative actions to incentivize more healthy food choices in Central and then summarize the findings from pre and post taste tests, which will be presented at 4 workshops. Looking for two CSU students to work on this Pilot.

**Qualifications:** Students should have completed at least one year in a major/minor in Community Planning, Public Policy and Management, Sustainable Urban Development with an interest in research public policy issues associated with food nutrition. They will help us interpret the data collected by students rating food delivery services in the Central area to design an interactive map accessible to residents on nutritional food sources. The person needs to be self-motivated, able to work as part of a team, knowledgeable about data entry and statistics.

**Compensation:** \$1,500/student for up to 8-10 hours/week from April 1 – June 7, 2024 (independent contractor) Contingent on grant funding, but will be notified by December 3, 2024.

Deadline: February 15, 2025 (will interview until position filled)

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