

National Coalition for the Homeless Racial Equity Intern Description

Date: Summer Semester through Fall/Winter 2021

Reporting to: Donald Whitehead, Executive Director of NCH

This is a non-compensated internship unless your college/university is offering fellowship assistance.

Date: Please respond by September 15, 2021

How to Respond: Please send a resume or background information including the school you are enrolled in and a cover letter explaining why you would like to join the NCH team as well as if you will be receiving course credit for this internship.

Fellowship Position Title: Racial Equity Intern 1

Fellowship Position Summary: The Homeless Racial Equity Intern will work remotely until after at least 75% of the population is vaccinated. This individual will participate in the Homeless Racial Equity workgroup to implement the goals of reducing discrimination and injustice within the housing and homeless system. The intern will assist with compiling a curriculum for local and state coalitions to use in teaching about racial inequality in the homeless sector. They will assist with outreach to advocates throughout the United States to encourage diversity in leadership and board appointments to include more people who have experienced homelessness in leadership. The intern will assist with updating a literature reference guide to supplement a racial equity curriculum. The Racial Equity intern will work with advocates from across the United States to implement policy changes to reduce inequality. This intern will work to set up meetings with key policy makers to forward NCH policy objectives. Finally, the intern will work to highlight inequality and discriminatory policies that act as a block to stable housing in the local community.

Specific Position Activities:

- a. attend weekly meetings with staff and national committee around homeless racial equity work.
- b. collect news stories from around the county about discrimination and racial inequality.
- c. contribute articles to the monthly newsletters, social media and website on discriminatory policies and the disproportionate impact on ethnic minority populations in the United States.
- d. gather information for a reports on the struggle for racial equity.
- e. track local/state/federal legislation related to homelessness and poverty.
- f. highlight past champions of racial equity and how they relate to homelessness.
- g. track anti-racist policies and equity plans in various jurisdictions in the United States
- h. update manuals to be used by community leaders in the area of anti-bias training materials.

Required Skills:

- a. superior research and written communication skills
 - b. working in a diverse setting with all kinds of people
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- c. ability to seek input from those with previous experience with homelessness
- d. ability to work remotely and without daily supervision
- e. ability to research news and interview individuals

Preferred Experiences:

- a. direct service with homeless/low income populations
- b. experience in writing high-level research papers
- c. experience in digital and social media writing.

Application Process:

Email to dwhitehead@nationalhomeless.org a cover letter and a resume or background information of no more than four total pages.

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Mission Statement: The National Coalition for the Homeless, founded in 1982, is a national network of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who were once homeless, activists and advocates, community and faith-based homeless service providers, and others committed to a single mission. That mission, our common bond, is to end homelessness. We are committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. At the same time, we work to meet the immediate needs of people who are either currently homeless or at risk of homelessness. We take as our first principle of practice that people who are currently experiencing homelessness or have formerly experienced homelessness must be actively involved in all of our work.

Organizational Goals: The National Coalition for the Homeless remains a substantive voice in the federal legislative process for people who are experiencing homelessness. In our policy advocacy, we work diligently to ensure that mainstream resources and opportunities are available to families and individuals who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. To end homelessness in the U.S., we use the following strategies to accomplish our mission: lobbying, policy analysis, litigation, public education, community organizing, research and technical assistance.