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Internship Title: Vector Control Outreach Intern – South Texas			
Internship Location: (Please also indicate if the internship is offered In-Person only, Virtual only, or either In-Person or Virtual) 601 W. Sesame Dr., Harlingen TX 78526 (This internship opportunity is offered in-person only.)		Preceptor Name and Title: Mauro Ruiz, Communicable Disease Manager	
Brief Description Include minimum of 3 learning objectives			
This internship opportunity is designed for an undergraduate student in public health or related field to develop a user-friendly, digital "Mosquito Round-Up: Municipal Toolkit" (e.g., infographics, template emails, FAQs, and social media posts) that educates local officials (city managers, public health staff) on the value of participating in a mosquito surveillance program to combat diseases like Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya, St. Louis Encephalitis, and West Nile. The learning objectives are: 1. Develop skills in environmental health communication and community outreach; 2. Gain experience in designing public health materials; 3. Understand the logistical and political aspects of vector control programs.			
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 10-20 hours per week	Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	DSHS Division: Regional & Local Health Operations (RLHO)	Program: Public Health Region 11, Communicable Disease

Disciplines of Public Health (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Biostatistics/Data Analytics	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Evaluation
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy Analysis and Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Internship Details

Intern Activities What will the intern do during their internship? Use verbs to describe activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Content Development: Review existing mosquito control data from Texas DSHS to identify the top 3 mosquito-borne threats in South Texas. • Toolkit Creation: Design bilingual (English/Spanish) educational materials tailored to local government needs.

- Stakeholder Outreach: Create a database of municipal contacts in South Texas and draft a communication strategy to introduce the toolkit.
- Field Engagement: Spend 1-2 days accompanying a local health department technician to understand trapping methods, using insights to improve the toolkit.
 - Final Presentation: Present the completed toolkit at an end-of-program seminar.

Intern Deliverables (at least one)

What will the intern produce or complete at the end of the internship?

- **Draft Toolkit: A digital package containing bilingual flyers, 1-pager municipal benefits sheet, and 5 social media posts for local councils.**
- **Contact List: A compiled list of relevant municipal stakeholders in target counties (e.g., Laredo, Brownsville, McAllen).**
- **Final Report/Presentation: A 10-minute presentation outlining the toolkit’s purpose and effectiveness.**

Applicant Qualifications

Please check the box for each skill that you would require or prefer the candidate to have. Please add skills not listed under ‘any other skills required/preferred’

Required	Skill (check all that apply)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other software applications
	Academic Level Undergraduate student in public health or related field
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.
Preferred	Skill (check all that apply)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Excel <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other software applications Graphic design software
	Academic Level Click or tap here to enter text.
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Detail oriented.

Application Instructions

Qualified and interested applicants must submit the following items to the contact below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Information

Contact Name and Information	Name: Shannon Sullivan Credentials: MSSW, MPH, RD, LD Title: Residency and Internship Coordinator Email: internships@dshs.texas.gov
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