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Internship Title: TB Community Stigma Reduction Coordinator			
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 a graduate student in public health or related field. Following a recent increase in TB exposures, the Region 11 TB Elimination Program is seeking a motivated Graduate Intern to develop, implement, and evaluate a rapid TB stigma reduction campaign. The goal is to challenge misconceptions, decrease fear, and promote supportive attitudes in the affected community to encourage testing and treatment adherence. The learning objectives include: 1. Create and pilot culturally sensitive resources that counter TB myths and reduce anticipated stigma. 2. Equip clinical staff and community health workers (CHWs) with the communication skills to eliminate stigmatizing language and practices. 3. Identify the primary drivers of TB stigma locally and measure how they affect treatment adherence and early case detection.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	<input 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"> Needs Assessment: Conduct rapid, qualitative assessments (e.g., focus group discussions with survivors, interviews with community leaders) to identify specific drivers of TB stigma.

- Campaign Development: Create culturally sensitive, plain-language education materials (fliers, posters, digital content) emphasizing that TB is curable, preventable, and that "anyone can get TB".
- Peer-Led Engagement: Train "TB Champions" (local leaders or survivors) to share stories and lead community conversations.
- Stigma-Informed Messaging: Review and update existing outreach materials to ensure the use of patient-centered language (e.g., changing "suspect" to "person with TB/patient," "cases" to "individuals").
 - Coordination & Evaluation: Coordinate with Community Health Workers (CHWs) to deploy materials and create a simple evaluation tool (e.g., pre/post-awareness surveys) to measure changes in community knowledge and attitudes.

Intern Deliverables (at least one)

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

- **Develop a Stigma Reduction Campaign Toolkit specifically for the affected community.**
- **Produce at least 3 digital or print informational assets.**
- **Present a final report on campaign metrics and lessons learned to the TB control team.**

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 Graduate 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 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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