

HEALTH POLICY INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

About ITUP

Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and health policy institute that for more than two decades has offered expert analysis and facilitated convenings for California policymakers and decisionmakers focused on health reform. The work of ITUP is more important than ever as the shifting federal health reform landscape poses new and potentially daunting challenges to California's progress in reducing the number of uninsured.

Located in Sacramento, California, the mission of ITUP is to promote innovative and workable policy solutions that expand health care access and improve the health of Californians. Through policy-focused research and broad-based stakeholder engagement, ITUP is a neutral facilitator seeking common ground among diverse stakeholders, including health care payers, providers, government, and advocates. ITUP offers objective analysis of state and federal policies affecting health care coverage, access and programs in California for state policymakers and health care leaders. ITUP hosts an annual statewide conference in Sacramento and facilitates regional and statewide workgroups on health policy topics.

ITUP is led by a distinguished eight-member Board of Directors with 6-8 staff depending on the number of interns at any point in time.

Description of the ITUP Internship Program

ITUP interns assist the executive director and policy staff in producing high quality health policy research and preparing for ITUP virtual convenings. Duties may include:

- Preparing background research on state and federal health policy initiatives related to public and private health coverage programs and health systems in California;
- Preparing reports, fact sheets, and analyses on topics impacting California's health care environment, including state health care coverage, programs and topical issues;
- Analysis of key components of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), including potential federal rollbacks of health reform, federal funding, and California impacts;
- Contributing to a comprehensive and organized resource library on health care and health policy;
- Identification of promising/innovative (and/or threatening) local, statewide, and national trends in health care and health policy; and
- Social media tracking and posting of articles on health care, health policy, and partner organization publications.

Intern Qualifications

- Applicants must be actively enrolled in a graduate studies program, with preference given to applicants pursuing degrees related to health or public policy
- Interest and experience in health or public policy research;
- Excellent writing, research and communication skills;
- Strong professional work ethic and reliability; and
- Knowledge of California's health care delivery system or health care policy, a plus.

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Internship Period

ITUP interns typically work in the Sacramento office 10-20 hours per week for a minimum three to four-month commitment (e.g., one quarter, semester, summer, etc.).* ITUP works with selected candidates to determine the hours and schedule that best meets the needs of ITUP and the intern(s). Extended engagements are possible if mutually beneficial.

****As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic all ITUP staff and interns will be working remotely until further notice.***

Benefits

ITUP has a long-standing commitment to offering internship opportunities in support of future leaders interested in health policy. Many former ITUP interns work in prestigious positions in health care and health policy. Interns work closely with the ITUP health policy staff who have decades of knowledge and expertise in California health policy.

Other benefits of an ITUP internship include:

- Networking opportunities with California health care experts and leaders;
- Participation in state-level discussions on health reform;
- Improved understanding of key state health care programs and agencies; and

Compensation

ITUP internships are paid, part-time, hourly positions with entry level compensation. ITUP reimburses for parking or public transportation.

How to Apply

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to jobs@itup.org with "ITUP Internship" as the subject of the email.

For more information about the internship program, contact Emili LaBass, ITUP Director of Programs, at emili@itup.org.