Texas-Mexico Border HSHPS/CDC Fellowships
Application deadline April 20th 2010

Three unique fellowships:

1) U.S.-Mexico Border Health Fellowship Program Harlingen, Texas A six-month fellowship at the UTHSCSA Harlingen Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) campus on autism. The recently established U.S. Hispanic Autism Research Center (HARC) will investigate gene-environment interactions in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) in the South Texas region where the Hispanic population exceeds 80 percent. This is the first center that will focus on understanding autism among Hispanics, the fastest growing sector of the U.S. population. The fellow will be actively involved in recruiting and enrolling autism cases in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

2) ENLACE Fellowship Program Harlingen, Texas A six-month fellowship with the ENLACE project at the UTHSCSA RAHC-Harlingen campus. This is the second phase of an NIH-funded community-based participatory research study. The Harlingen-based ENLACE project was designed to produce a culturally-validated intervention for increasing physical activity among Hispanic migrant women. The fellow will be heavily involved in community outreach.

3) U.S.-Mexico Border Health Fellowship Program Laredo, Texas A six-month fellowship at the UTHSCSA Laredo campus focusing on a community initiative to promote healthy eating and active living (HEAL). There is a disproportionately high prevalence of obesity and diabetes in the Laredo community, and the HEAL project was created to address these health issues. Fellows will be involved in this important project that is a continuation of the successful work of the faculty and 2010 CDC/HSHPS fellows.

Admission Eligibility:
* Current graduate student or recent (less than 1 year) of a master’s or doctoral program in medicine or public health
* Good academic standing
* Applicant does not have to be Hispanic to apply
* Must speak and write fluently in English; Spanish is a plus
* U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Fellowships start in June. Link to on-line application: http://www.hshps.org/internships.html
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