The Carolina Population Center (CPC) at UNC-Chapel Hill invites applications from undergraduate students from underrepresented groups1,2 in the population, health, and spatial sciences for research internships focused on “place, space, and health” during Summer 2012.

The summer 2012 internship program provides a research and professional development framework for undergraduate students interested in population focused graduate training and careers. Interns will work a maximum of 32 hours per week (at $11 per hour) for the period May 29 – July 20, 2012. A travel allowance to attend and present at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association will be provided to interns completing the CPC summer program, and submitting a paper for the SDA undergraduate paper competition.

CPC interns work with faculty and staff on ongoing Center-based research projects that emphasize the intersection of the population, spatial, and/or health sciences. The summer 2012 program will be centered around the theme of “Place, Space, and Health.” The internships provide an opportunity for students to participate in multidisciplinary research teams, develop a better understanding of research and what it entails, and prepare for the graduate school application process.

CPC is home to a diverse group of researchers, including faculty from sixteen UNC departments, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate student trainees. Research at CPC is interdisciplinary in nature, with a wide variety of fields represented, from sociology to nutrition, geography to epidemiology, anthropology to biostatistics, and more. For more information about CPC, visit the Center’s website at (http://www.cpc.unc.edu/).

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Undergraduate students who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents
- From a group that is underrepresented1,2 (underrepresented minorities1 and/or first generation college students2) in the population, health, and/or spatial sciences
- Junior or senior academic standing in fall 2012
- Strong academic record; minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA
- A minimum of 3 credit hours in basic statistics
- Serious intent to pursue graduate (as opposed to professional) studies
- Strong interest in population focused research, graduate training, and careers

Application Deadline March 30, 2012

Applicants should submit the following items via email to Jan Hendrickson-Smith (jhsmith@unc.edu) by March 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.:

- Transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial and scanned copies will be accepted)
- A 1-2 page essay describing your interest in the program, specific research areas and projects, and plans for graduate school
- Current resume or CV
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member sent directly to Jan Hendrickson-Smith via email by March 30, 2012

Please contact:

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1 Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in the population, health, and spatial sciences on a national basis (see http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd).

2 First generation college student (applicant’s mother and father did not complete an undergraduate degree).