

Expecting Justice Summer Internship

Job Title: Expecting Justice/ Abundant Birth Project Intern

Program: Expecting Justice, San Francisco Collective Impact for Healthy Births

Location: Remote per COVID restrictions.

Position Status: Full-time (12 weeks)

Funding: Position is fully funded in partnership with the [Wallace Center in MCAH](#)

Posting Date: Feb 7, 2021

Overview:

[Expecting Justice](#) – is a cross-sector initiative consisting of city agencies, community-based organizations, health care providers, and community members - has developed a common agenda and vision to ensure healthy births for *all* Black and PI women in San Francisco. Expecting Justice is mobilizing leaders from across San Francisco to take action for healthy Black and Pacific Islander births. We are aligning our knowledge, resources, and efforts to name and repair the impact of racism on the health of mothers, families, and children in our city. Using racial equity as a framework, Expecting Justice uses a multi-component approach to address the astonishing rates of preterm birth and infant mortality among the Black and Pacific Islander (PI) community. This approach includes:

- Increasing access to doulas for Black and PI mothers to target racism in the healthcare setting through program development and State-level legislation
- Anti-Racism skills-building training for social service providers, clinicians, and social service leaders to reduce racist policies and interactions,
- Piloting The Abundant Birth Project, income supplement program, that will address the upstream impacts of racism by reducing financial insecurity and associated stress.

These three program offerings complement one another to address three key dimensions of vulnerability faced by Black and PI people during pregnancy and childbirth: interpersonal and institutional racism in the healthcare system and public health programs, and the structural racism manifesting in the racial wealth gap. Expecting Justice is seeking an Intern to support our work across each of our focus areas.

Responsibilities:

The Expecting Justice Intern will be directly involved in supporting the research aspects of the Abundant Birth Project and will support the development of an online anti-racism training tool. The intern will have the opportunity to build their research, data analysis, and writing skills, as well as network and develop lasting connections with leadership across the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Expecting Justice's institutional partners.

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Attend weekly meetings with Expecting Justice and the key researcher team of the Abundant Birth Project
- Help facilitate monthly working group meetings with key institutional and community based stakeholders
- Support the ABP Community Researchers in training, materials development, and data analysis
- Write and edit content for the Anti-Racism training website and the Expecting Justice Website
- Develop materials and tools to support Black and PI pregnant people during and after pregnancy
- Participate in legislative strategy meetings and develop related materials
- Support the development of reports and toolkits which describe the work of the Abundant Birth Project and can help spread the model
- Create content for Expecting Justice's social media platforms
- Help lead anti-racism training workshops

The selected student will also be invited to attend the Wallace Center Leadership Summer Seminar for all Wallace Sponsored interns. Per the terms of funding, the student will be required to write an internship reflection to be published on the Wallace Center website and give a short presentation to the Wallace Center. *Please see the internship reflection from last year's Expecting Justice intern [here](#).*

Qualifications:

- An MPH student at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health completing an internship as a requirement of their degree program.
- Only residential MPH students are eligible to apply, OOMPH program students are ineligible.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Research and analysis experience
- Excellent administration and organization skills
- Strong racial equity lens
- Strong interest in public health policy issues
- Experience working collaboratively and independently
- Strong growth mindset and ability to manage multiple deadlines
- Experience working with communities most impacted by preterm birth (African Americans, Pacific Islanders, Medi-Cal Insured, low-income populations)

How to apply:

Please provide a cover letter and resume, to Payshia Edwards at Payshia.Edwards@sfdph.org