

Ideas for Field Experience

The field experience is considered the culminating experience (6 credit hours) of your MPH degree coursework. It is typically completed at the end of your courses so that you may apply the knowledge gained from your graduate instruction. Generally, during your field experience you will complete a capstone project for the agency/organization where you are completing your field experience.

In consultation with your major professor, decide whether to pursue a supervised field experience or an applied research project in the form of a thesis, or a combined field experience and report. Specific policies and procedures governing the field experience are located in the MPH Graduate Handbook.

Placement and supervision of the field experience is the responsibility of the student in consultation with the major professor. Guidelines for the master's thesis or report will be determined by the participating department and must meet the standards set by the Graduate School. Each participating department will determine the format (oral, written, or both) for the final examination of the student.

A good place to start is to review the list below of where former students have gone. Then search the [K-REX e-repository](#) which has several Field Experience Reports posted.

Our MPH students have completed their Field Experience practicum with the following agencies and organizations:

Agency/Organization	Location
Apple Wellness Program	Austin, TX
Arizona Department of Health Services	Phoenix, AZ
Bless China International	Yunnan Province, China
Boston University School of Public Health	Kimana, Kenya, East Africa
CDC, Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases	Atlanta, GA
CDC, Rabies Section in Viral & Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch	Atlanta, GA
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health	Los Angeles, CA
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Harvesters Community Food Network	Topeka and Kansas City, KS
Healthy PACCATS Program at KSU	Manhattan, KS
Irwin Army Community Hospital – Fort Riley Medical Activity, Pubic Health Department	Fort Riley, KS
Jackson County Health Department	Independence, MO
Johnson County Health Department	Olathe, KS
Kansas Department of Health and Environment	Topeka, KS

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks	Emporia, KS
Kansas Health Institute	Topeka, KS
Kansas State University Rabies Lab	Manhattan, KS
NanoScale Materials, Inc.	Manhattan, KS
National Institutes of Health	Bethesda, MD
National Zoological Gardens of South Africa	Pretoria, South Africa
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	Lincoln, NB
North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health	Raleigh, NC
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Washington, DC
Riley County Extension	Manhattan, KS
Riley County Health Department	Manhattan, KS
Sunset Zoo	Manhattan, KS
The Cooper Institute	Dallas, TX
USDA APHIS Veterinary Service	Topeka, KS
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	Paraguay, South America
USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service	Columbia, MO
U.S. Food and Drug Administration	Washington, DC area
TriHealth Corporate Health	Cincinnati, OH

Other organizations that offer field experience opportunities for students in public health related fields include:

The Kansas governor’s new internship program offers opportunities to see the inner workings of state government. Since this program includes the Department of Health and Environment, this is an opportunity to consider for your field experience: <https://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/governor's-office-internship-program>

The Department of Homeland Security offers a fellowship in zoonotic and animal disease. MPH students are eligible because K-State is affiliated with the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEEZAD). <http://fazd.tamu.edu/2011/09/department-of-homeland-security-career-development-fellowship-awards-in-zoonotic-and-animal-disease-defense/>

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPH)	Washington, DC area Search on “internship”
Albert Schweitzer Fellowship	Nationwide opportunities
American Association of Medical Colleges	Overseas fellowships
American Public Health Association Internships	Nationwide opportunities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges	Search on “internship”

CDC Internships	Atlanta, GA
CrossCulturalSolutions	Work abroad as a volunteer Search on "health"
Fogarty International Center	In conjunction with NIH
Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars	Run by Vanderbilt University
Harvard Medical School New England Primate Research Center	Veterinary student summer training program (search on NEPRC summer training program)
Health Resources and Services Administration	Search on "internship"
Hispanic-Serving-Public Health Schools (HSHPS)	See "Student Corner"
National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps (NAHERC)	Run by USDA APHIS
National Cancer Institute (see also) http://internship.cancer.gov/	Washington, DC area Search on "internships"
National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS)	At University of Tennessee
New Aid Foundation	Funds public health research in developing countries on abandoned infectious diseases of marginalized populations
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education	Nationwide opportunities, search on "internship"
PanAmerican Health Organization /World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Link for Fellowship Opportunities: http://www.paho.org/English/HSP/HSR/fellowships.htm#fellow1	Not available for U.S. or Canadian Citizens – Worldwide Opportunities for non-citizens
Paws (Pets Are Wonderful Support)	Public Health Extern Program in San Francisco
Pfizer	Summer internships for 12 to 16 weeks
Plum Island Animal Disease Center	Plum Island, NY
Projects Abroad	Lists international opportunities
Proworld	Work abroad as a volunteer Search on "health"
Tufts University	See listing of public health student internships
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Search on "internship"
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Search on "internship"
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Search on "internship"
U.S. Food and Drug Administration Internship Program	Washington, DC area
U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps	Must be a JRCOSTEP

Volunteerabroad.com	Work abroad as a volunteer Search on "health"
VolunteerMatch	Search by zipcode and key word (use "health")
World Health Organization	Search on "internship"