UCSF’s Center for Vulnerable Populations: Food Policy, Health, and Hunger Research Program
Student Intern Job Description

The UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations (CVP) at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is dedicated to improving health and reducing disparities through discovery, innovation, policy, advocacy, and community partnerships. The CVP seeks to develop effective strategies to prevent and treat chronic diseases in communities most at risk. Beyond the local communities it serves, CVP is nationally and internationally known for its research in health communication and health policy to reduce health disparities, with special expertise in the social determinants of health, including literacy, food policy, poverty, and minority status, with a focus on the clinical conditions of pre-diabetes, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease.

The CVP’s Food Policy, Health, and Hunger Research Program is seeking an enthusiastic student intern to assist with implementation of the Vouchers 4 Veggies - EatSF program. EatSF is an innovative and transformative fruit and vegetable voucher program aimed at increasing access and affordability of healthy foods for low-income individuals and families in San Francisco. EatSF provides people with crucial resources to purchase fresh produce and improve their health, and also helps address food deserts by supporting local food vendors in their efforts to sell healthy food. EatSF has served nearly 10,000 households in San Francisco since 2015 and is rapidly expanding at both the local and national levels, including a pilot in Los Angeles. See www.eatsfvoucher.org for more information.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide programmatic support to ensure successful program implementation, including:
  - Preparation and delivery of program materials and vouchers for community partner trainings and ongoing technical assistance
  - Staff EatSF booth at the Heart of the City Farmers Market to collect vouchers and distribute tokens (must be available Wednesdays and/or Friday mornings)
  - Conduct routine check-ins with participating community food vendors (corner stores, farmers markets, large grocery stores)
  - Assist with data collection and data entry of participant surveys

Qualifications:

- Working towards completion of undergraduate degree
- Knowledge of or lived experience with food insecurity
- Enthusiasm for working in underserved communities
- Organized and detail-oriented
- Ability to work 15 hours per week
- Minimum of one semester commitment

This is a part-time position and compensation is $17.50 per hour. This position may also be used to fulfill school internship requirements, if desired. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Melissa Akers, EatSF Associate Director, Melissa.akers@ucsf.edu.