



What is a Community Health Scholar? A Community Health Scholar is a student in a medical, public health or other health profession program, who is selected to work on a community-based, service learning project for up to 8 weeks in the summer.

Who is eligible? Graduate students enrolled in a Health Science program in the State of Florida are eligible to apply. This includes students enrolled in medical programs, health professions, public health, social work, pharmacology, and other related degreed programs.

What kind of projects do students work on? Projects focus on providing a health-related benefit to rural and medically underserved populations. They may be service-oriented or investigative in nature, and cover a variety of topics. Projects are often provided by community partners including clinics, health departments, schools, and social agencies. Utilizing a service-learning approach, some projects may provide students with an opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary environment with other students, administrators, practitioners and/or other health professionals.

Project Attributes

- ✦ Projects generally run 4-8 weeks in length in the summer
- ✦ Sites may occur in any of the 37 counties in North Florida
- ✦ Stipends are provided to selected students
- ✦ Some locations may provide housing
- ✦ Multi-disciplinary, individual and team projects may be offered

Program Goals

- ✦ Expose students to issues of community-oriented health care for rural and underserved populations.
- ✦ Give students an opportunity to participate in developing solutions to health problems in their community.
- ✦ Provide an introduction to community-based clinical research, project development, data collection and analysis.
- ✦ Create opportunities for students in the health sciences to participate in interdisciplinary health care teams.

Where can I get more information? To learn more about the Community Health Scholars Program or to download an application, please go to: www.flahec.org/ahec/chs/index.html
Applications must be received no later than March 21st, 2008.