

# Summer 2022 Health Policy Internship for Graduate Students

## California Health Benefits Review Program

University of California, Berkeley



### Summer 2022 Grad Internship Timeline

**December 15 – January 15** Interested Graduate students, please submit a cover letter and CV/resume via email to [garen.corbett@chbrp.org](mailto:garen.corbett@chbrp.org)

**January 10 – February 4:** Semi-finalists interviewed (via Zoom and then finalist interviews by CHBRP Selection Team via Zoom)

**February 14 – February 21:** Offers extended

**Summer 2022:** Internship, 10-12 weeks (flexible start date), 40 hours/week, paid \$24-28/hour, remote or on-site (or hybrid)

### Internship Description

The California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP), housed at the University of California (UC), Berkeley, is recruiting for two Graduate Health Policy Intern. This is a summer-long, paid internship (40 hours/week), which may be extendable (on a part-time basis) into the fall. The pay for the position will be \$24 - \$28 per hour, depending on experience. The internship may be entirely remote, hybrid, or on-site at our offices in downtown Berkeley.

Established in 2002, CHBRP is an independent UC program that responds to requests from the California State Legislature for rapid analysis of legislation related to health policy and health insurance in California. CHBRP's interns work with a small team of staff analysts, as well as CHBRP's multi-disciplinary set of faculty and researchers from various UC campuses.

### Internship Goals

CHBRP provides a well-rounded engaging internship experience that combines independent work, group work with fellow interns and staff, and a focus on professional development and growth. Past interns have enjoyed broad exposure to career opportunities within health and public policy. Interns gain:

- Enhanced understanding of health policy and California's health insurance regulatory environment
- Improved writing and communications skills
- Professional development and mentorship
- Exposure to various career paths and opportunities in health/public policy, research, and policy analysis

Please visit the [Intern Recruitment](#) page to learn more about past CHBRP Interns' experiences and projects.

### Intern Duties

Under the supervision of CHBRP staff, the graduate health policy intern will:

- Produce an independent brief or other material on a health policy or public health topic
- Track the progress of California state bills CHBRP has analyzed and attend legislative hearings with CHBRP analysts
- Help analyze and review regulatory developments
- Assist staff in preparing agendas and taking minutes at CHBRP's annual external stakeholder meetings (e.g., state agencies, legislature, trade groups, health plans, consumer groups)
- Collaborate with fellow interns and staff (and potential, faculty) on group projects
- Other duties, as assigned

## Required Qualifications

- BA/BS with major in a related field
- Interest in and enthusiasm to learn about public policy and analysis
- Ability to interpret essential information from reports and/or policy briefs
- Strong writing skills and ability to prioritize multiple tasks and adhere to deadlines

## Preferred Qualifications

- Candidate for master's degree (or doctorate) in public health, public policy, or other related field
- Familiarity with health policy/health services research and analysis
- UC status strongly preferred
- Strong problem-solving and communication skills

## About CHBRP

For more than twenty years, California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP) has provided evidence-based analysis directly to the California Legislature, bridging academic research and policy analysis with the fast-pace of the Legislature. CHBRP assesses the medical, financial, and public health impacts of proposed health insurance benefit mandates (and repeals) as well as other topics related to health insurance.

A core analytic team at the University of California, Berkeley, coordinates a task force of faculty and researchers from several campuses of the University of California to complete each analysis within a 60-day period, usually before the Legislature begins formal consideration of the proposed legislation in the spring. A certified, independent actuary helps estimate the financial impacts.

CHBRP's analyses assesses and summarizes scientific evidence relevant to the proposed mandate or repeal, but CHBRP does not make recommendations, deferring policy decision-making to the Legislature. The State funds this work through an annual assessment on health plans and insurers in California.

Examples of recently analyzed bills include:

- AB 32 Telehealth
- AB 114 Medi-Cal Benefits: Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing
- SB 245 Abortion Services: Cost Sharing
- SB 428 Adverse Childhood Experiences Screenings

During the summer months, CHBRP staff and faculty spend some time reflecting on the previous analytic period (usually January through May) to determine what work will be needed for the next analytic period. This work includes forming small work groups with task force members, doing additional policy research, and connecting with stakeholders to hear feedback and ask important policy questions.

More information about CHBRP is available at [www.CHBRP.org](http://www.CHBRP.org). Helpful pages include:

- Academic Rigor on a Legislature's Timeline (Oct 2019) at: [https://www.chbrp.org/other\\_publications/index.php#revize\\_document\\_center\\_rz44](https://www.chbrp.org/other_publications/index.php#revize_document_center_rz44)
- FAQs at: [https://www.chbrp.org/about\\_chbrp/faqs/index.php](https://www.chbrp.org/about_chbrp/faqs/index.php)