Alcohol Policy Fellowship

Job Description
The ATOD Section of the APHA has an immediate opening for a part-time, nine-month Fellowship for a PhD candidate/student with a minimum of two years of relevant work experience in public health and public policy. Experience with nonprofit outreach, or community or political organizing is preferred. (A seasoned Masters’ level student may be considered.)

The Fellowship may be done remotely, but there is a preference for the person to be in the Washington DC metro area.

The purpose of the ATOD Section Fellowship is to enhance the capacity of the Section to engage state affiliates and to increase connections between state-level alcohol policy efforts. This collaboration will create more effective tracking of federal and state policies, allow for the intentional translation of existing scientific evidence into meaningful messages for stakeholders, provide opportunities to educate key public health constituents and support public health engagement in important federal and state alcohol policy discussions.

The Fellowship provides a powerful hands-on training opportunity for an early career professional interested in public health policy. The Fellow will be guided by seasoned public health policy professionals within the ATOD Section leadership. The Fellowship will assist the Section in its efforts to inform the alcohol policy landscape at the federal and state levels with evidence proven to be effective in preventing alcohol-related harms and to improve access to treatment.

Rate and Timeline
$30 per hour for approximately 12 hours per week over the project period of 9 months (February 2021 to November 2021).

Responsibilities
- Create policy-related informational materials to translate the science and disseminate materials to ATOD Section members, including state affiliates, and in other public health forums with priority given to actionable legislative and regulatory matters.
- Attend monthly Section Leadership and Policy Committee calls.
• Assist Policy Committee in monitoring state and federal alcohol policy landscape as it works to respond to public health issues, needs and trends.
• Provide capacity building and administrative support to the Alcohol Action Network, a project of the ATOD Section with internal and external alcohol policy practitioners.
• Deepen communication between Section and state affiliates on alcohol policy efforts through assessing affiliates’ policy-related activities and sharing Section policy-related activities monthly by email and/or engaging with affiliate on social media.

Requirements
• Minimum of two years of relevant work experience in public health and public policy.
• Friendly, enthusiastic, possesses strong integrity and a positive attitude.
• Strong oral and written communication skills.
• Ability to work independently and in a team environment while managing multiple projects at a time.
• Strategic thinker, detail orientated and excellent judgment.
• Able to create and track key metrics central to the Section’s strategic plan on alcohol policy.

To Apply
To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume/CV to policy@apha-atod.org by Friday, February 12, 2021.

Organization Background
The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) brings together multi-disciplinary public health professionals committed to preventing population-level harms related to substance use. The ATOD Section works to develop, foster, and advocate for sound research, policy, and practice in the fields of ATOD epidemiology, prevention, and treatment. The Section strives to enhance communication concerning ATOD issues.

Alcohol consumption is on the rise, particularly for groups that have historically consumed less, including women, older adults, racial/ethnic minorities, and socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals. There is solid scientific evidence that can inform alcohol policy that prioritizes public health.