

County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Department of Strategy and Community Engagement
Student Worker and Internship Opportunities



The Department of Strategy and Community Engagement (DSCE) has several student worker and unpaid internship opportunities available. DSCE supports HHSA's strategic and operational goals through strategic planning, community engagement, communications, and data analytics. It serves as the backbone for the *Live Well San Diego* vision, leading communication strategies, outcome tracking, and partnerships across numerous sectors. The department also oversees anti-poverty initiatives through the Community Action Partnership (CAP), health education via a Community Health Workforce, and collaborates with organizations and residents through Community Leadership Teams. Guided by a collective impact model focused on equity, DSCE prioritizes the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations through culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach and engagement efforts, ensuring all San Diegans have opportunities to thrive.

Essential Functions and Key Assignments

- Collaborating with colleagues and community partners
- Supporting *Live Well San Diego* signature events
- Designing communication & presentation materials
- Developing and implementing project evaluations
- Providing community outreach
- Coordinating and facilitating meetings
- Performing data entry and analysis
- Researching and synthesizing information

Paid Student Workers

- **Minimum Requirements:** Full-time undergraduate or graduate students. Preference is given to those with experience and/or pursuing a degree in public health or another social services field.
- **Time Commitment:** Required commitment of 12 months, 20 hours per week, during standard business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) with some evenings and weekends as needed. Student workers will coordinate with their supervisors to set their hours and hybrid schedules for both in-person and remote work.

Unpaid Interns

- **Minimum Requirements:** Undergraduate and graduate students seeking academic credit or professional experience, as well as non-students with relevant experience and interests. Students should be enrolled in an academic program in public health or another social services field.
- **Time Commitment:** Preferred commitment of 6 to 12 months, with a minimum commitment of 1 semester, 2 quarters, or 4 months. Minimum of 8 hours per week, during standard business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) with some evenings and weekends as needed. Interns will coordinate with their supervisors to set their hours and hybrid schedules for both in-person and remote work.

Additional Requirements

- Personal smartphone for multi-factor authentication to access County systems.
- Reliable transportation for in-person commitments.
- Background check required before starting. The HR process takes approximately 60-90 days to complete.

How to Apply

- **Paid Student Workers:** Complete the [Student Worker Application](#) on Government Jobs. Once complete, email your confirmation email, a resume, and a statement of interest to Allison.Hirahara@sdcounty.ca.gov and Madisen.Ferras@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- **Unpaid Interns:** Complete the [Internship Application](#).
- Paid Student Worker and Unpaid Intern applications are due by **Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 11:59 pm**.