



# Sarah Samuels Public Health Policy Fellowship 2021

## Announcement of Open Position

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### Nourish California

Nourish California is a statewide policy advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Californians with low income by increasing their access to nutritious, affordable food. Founded in 1992, we are a small non-profit funded primarily by private foundations. We're headquartered in uptown Oakland with offices in Los Angeles and San Diego, though our team currently works remotely to uphold safe public health practices.

We believe that everyone in California should have the food they need to thrive. Our work prioritizes Californians experiencing the greatest need and the starkest inequities. We recognize the many social, political, and economic determinants of poverty, hunger, and poor health. Our team is committed to the pursuit of policy, both organizational and public, that advances justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

### Opportunities and Responsibilities

Nourish California seeks candidates who are eager to advance our goals and policy agendas among diverse community partners; the media; and federal, state, and local decision makers. The selected fellow will engage in a variety of activities to support changes in policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.

Opportunities and responsibilities may include

- Supporting the initial phase of Nourish California's annual policy development process, including stakeholder interviews and the development of a statewide survey;
- Analyzing and synthesizing research relevant to proposed and existing policies;
- Drafting policy briefs, fact sheets, issue papers, or advocacy materials;
- Participating in meetings and events to support Nourish California's policy agendas;
- Drafting digital content for the Nourish California website and social media channels to provide resources for administrators, policy makers, advocates, and community members; and



- Presenting and promoting Nourish California’s policy agendas in a variety of settings.

## Qualifications

Candidates for this position will

- Demonstrate a strong interest in advocacy, public health (particularly public health nutrition), public policy, and social justice;
- Be enrolled in an advanced degree program for public health or public policy or will have graduated from such a program in the past 12 months; and
- Commit to a 3-month, full-time summer fellowship with Nourish California. Note: exceptional interns may be offered an extended fellowship.

Relevant skills and experience for this position include

- Knowledge of nutrition and food insecurity issues and nutrition assistance programs;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Public speaking experience preferred;
- Ability to engage in inclusive dialogue with stakeholders through interviews and surveys;
- Ability to work independently, coordinate projects, and respond to multiple priorities;
- Strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills; and
- Working knowledge of Microsoft office software, WordPress, and internet applications, including Google Apps.

Additional desirable skills and experience include

- Knowledge of legislative, administrative, and budget processes at the federal, state, and/or local levels of government;
- Experience working with public administrators and elected officials; and
- Fluency in a language other than English

## Compensation

\$25/hour, work study preferred

## Location

Remote



## To Apply

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and a short independent writing sample (no more than two pages, excerpts acceptable, non-academic samples welcome) to Tia Shimada at [tia@nourishca.org](mailto:tia@nourishca.org).

We believe lived experiences with hunger, poverty, and inequity can provide uniquely valuable insight to this fellowship, to our organization, and to the broader anti-hunger & anti-poverty movements. With this in mind, applicants for this fellowship have the option to share their lived experiences that are relevant to our mission and work. Applicants who decide to describe such lived experience may do so in their cover letter, or if more space is needed, in a separate statement that is one page or less in length. This statement can be submitted along with the materials listed above.

Making progress towards our mission means addressing social inequities that perpetuate hunger, poverty, and other harmful outcomes. Advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion is both a core value and an important strategy for our organization. With this in mind, applicants have the option to share their vision for, commitment to, or experience with advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Applicants may include these details in their cover letter, or if more space is needed, in a separate statement that is one page or less in length. This statement can be submitted along with the materials listed above.

**Applications are due by 9:00am PDT on March 23, 2021.**

Interested students who are currently enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health should apply for this position through the PHLEX platform.

Nourish California is actively working to build a talented team that's inclusive of diverse cultures, identities, experiences, and communities. Underrepresented individuals and those with a personal connection to our mission are encouraged to apply. All applicants are given careful consideration.