Student Life Emerging Leaders Program

The Student Life Emerging Leaders Externship Program is an experiential learning program offered through a collaboration between the UO Office of Student Life and the UO COE Department of Counseling Psychology & Human Services (CPHS). The Externship is designed to connect graduate students in Prevention Science with staff in Student Life and with CPHS faculty members to complete a substantive, year-long (3-term) Student Life research/preventive intervention project. The project completed by the participating student will be oriented around strategies to prevent negative health outcomes and to promote healthy behaviors and outcomes in the UO student population. Examples may include investigating and supporting the implementation of prevention interventions for alcohol and other drug use/abuse, violence prevention, health & wellness promotion, smoking and tobacco cessation, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and efficacy of emergency response teams.

The UO Student Life Emerging Leaders Externships provide students with the opportunity to explore and gain work experience in College Student Affairs/Student Life and to gain first-hand knowledge of and experience with the goals, challenges, and responsibilities of the student affairs field. In addition to completing field work (described below) all externs will register for “CPSY 605: Prevention Science Externship” and participate in a weekly or bi-weekly faculty supported externship supervision group.

We expect that 4-5 positions will be available for the 2014-15 academic year. Each position requires 16 hours per week of work, and has a stipend of $1950.00 per term (for three terms). Student Life Emerging Leaders’ year-long projects may focus on:

(a) Identification of evidence-based program(s) to be implemented at UO;
(b) Participation in adopting successful prevention/health promotion programs for the UO setting;
(c) Setting up infrastructure to support successful program implementation at UO (including establishing data systems, evaluation plans; etc.)
(d) Contributing to the implementation of currently successful prevention/health promotion programs;
(e) Evaluating the effectiveness of programs (such as through conducting statistical analyses, running fidelity assessments, preparing reports to Student Life and other UO Agencies, etc.).

The focus of the project that students engage in will be determined in consultation with the CPHS faculty member externship supervisor and key participating personnel in the UO Office of Student Life.

Interested applicants should submit a 2-page letter of interest that outlines interest areas, targets or ideas for project foci, and relevant experience, a current CV, and the names & contact information of two references. Applications should be directed to Elizabeth Skowron, CFHS Prevention Science Program Director @ prevsci@uoregon.edu (please include in the subject line: Emerging Leaders Application). Completed applications are due Friday, September, 19, 2014, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee of UO Student Life Staff and Prevention Science faculty members. Application review will continue until all positions are filled.