

Center for Public Health Law Research 2026 Summer Internship Program

The Center for Public Health Law Research (CPHLR), housed at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, supports the use of scientific tools and methods for mapping and evaluating the impacts of law on health and equity. The CPHLR team works by developing and teaching legal epidemiology methods, researching laws and policies that influence health to support policy development and enactment, and communicating and disseminating evidence to promote policy innovation.

The Center seeks applications from current law students to fill remote summer legal internship positions to form part of the Center's dynamic and expanding team, which consists of lawyers and public policy professionals dedicated to using legal mapping as a tool to support better-informed public health laws and policies. The Center's current research projects focus on some of the most critical issues in public health law, including the regulation of sexual and reproductive health, drug policy, state paid leave laws, and structural racism.

This internship is a unique opportunity to learn about legal epidemiology and to conduct policy surveillance, which is the systematic, scientific collection and analysis of laws of public health significance. Legal interns may conduct legal research using legal databases and state legislative resources; conceptualize the scope of research projects on emerging public health law issues; and collaborate with Center staff to perform other research, writing, and collaborative tasks such as writing policy memoranda, research protocols, and other materials that accompany and synthesize the research. Interns will support the creation of quantitative legal datasets for publication on LawAtlas.org or PDAPS.org, scientific legal mapping portals that map and compare laws across jurisdictions and over time.

Internship Programming

- **Intern Buddies:** Interns are paired with a CPHLR staff person in a “buddy” system. This is an informal connection with whom to connect virtually or in person a few times during the summer and talk about the field or their interests.
- **Lunch & Learn Sharing:** This is a series of lunch-time Zoom presentations during which CPHLR staff share about a project on which they are working or have worked recently, with time for questions and discussion following. This series provides students with an opportunity to get to know things like the purpose of the project, partners engaged in the project and their roles, how it fits into the Center's work, etc.

Internship Logistics

- **Location:** The internship is **fully remote**, with limited space at Temple University Beasley School of Law (Klein Hall, 1719 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122) if an intern prefers a permanent or occasional office setting.
- **Time**
 - CPHLR's Summer 2026 Internship program will run Tuesday, May 26 through Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Extended internships may

be available upon request of student intern, based on exemplary work and explicit CPHLR approval.

- CPHLR workday starts at 8:30am and ends at 5:00pm Eastern Time, with 30 minutes for lunch.
- Summer Interns have the option of taking 5 unpaid vacation days that can be used throughout the course of an 11-week internship period. Vacation time may not be used in the first week of the internship, unless permission is sought before hiring.
- **Equipment:** Interns are expected to come prepared with a computer and internet access.

How to Apply:

- The following application materials can be submitted by email to CPHLR Legal Program Manager, Lauren.Fitzgerald.Langan@temple.edu
 - Resume
 - Cover Letter explaining applicant's experience and/or interest in public health law, and
 - Contact information (name, organization, relationship, and phone and/or email address) for three academic or professional references
- This rolling application process is currently open until **February 6, 2026**, to students interested in paid or unpaid internships, work-study roles, or earned academic credit. Please indicate your preference in your cover letter.
- The hiring process will include at least one virtual interview with CPHLR staff, and CPHLR staff may call references.
- Students may be asked to schedule a drug test as per Temple University policy.