

San Francisco Free Clinic January Opportunity

What: The San Francisco Free Clinic provides free primary care to uninsured people. The clinic offers a variety of services, including care for acute and chronic medical problems, along with access to some specialty services such as dermatology, gynecology, nutrition services, stress management and yoga. The clinic is a teaching clinic with a variety of volunteers and students, including high school and college students, as well as medical students and residents.

Liz Hume, MD, '92 is currently serving on the Macalester Board of Trustees. She is a physician at the clinic and is interested in offering a January experience for a Macalester student at the clinic.

Activities for the student could include:

- Shadowing health professionals in the clinic (physicians, nurses, social workers, dietitians)
- Working at the front desk (helping to answer phones and referring patients appropriately)
- Working in the back office (rooming patients, take vital signs, assist with medical assistant tasks)
- Working on a project of mutual interest, including potentially working before and/or after January on the project. Some examples might include a project utilizing GIS addressing topics of interest to the clinic, exploring other community health clinics in the area or other models of free clinics in other cities, analyzing medical records or the clinic's donor database. See application details below.
- Students with a second language might provide interpretation for patients or assist in translation of written communications. Languages of particular relevance are Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Mongolian, Russian, Thai, Portuguese, and Japanese.

Who: A JR or SR interested in health professions, public health, and/or healthcare for the uninsured. This opportunity requires a student with excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Maturity and professionalism are essential.

Where: San Francisco Free Clinic www.sffc.org
4900 California St (at 11th Ave) San Francisco, CA 94118

When: Approximately Jan. 2-22, 2020 (~ 3 weeks)

Logistics: The selected student may apply for a stipend from the Winter Mann-Hill Fellowship to apply toward airfare and housing. The student will find their own housing near the clinic and will receive recommendations from the clinic.

APPLY THRU HANDSHAKE. Materials required **no later than noon on Monday, October 7, 2019.** Students are *strongly encouraged* to contact Amanda Duffy (aduffy1@macalester.edu) when preparing their application.

- ❖ Cover letter addressed to Ms. Duffy describing your interests and experiences relating to health, public health, and health care, why you are interested and qualified for this experience, and specific skills or experience that may lead to defining a project of mutual interest. Include your plans/goals for after Macalester, as well as the names and email addresses for two people (non-family members) who can speak to your abilities, maturity and reliability. One or both of the references should be a Macalester faculty member.
- ❖ Your current transcript (unofficial is fine). Please make sure it is formatted legibly.
- ❖ Your current resume

Remember, applying early for this or other opportunities can strengthen your application.