FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the CARE Internship Program? What kind of research will I be conducting?
The Community And Resilient Environments (CARE) Youth Internship Program is designed to empower youth to conduct research within their own communities. The program is a part of a larger community-driven project (e.g., CARE Project) that investigates how neighborhood environments shape teen and community health and wellbeing. This program is both an internship and a research study.

Trainees will learn to assess physical features of neighborhood blocks, collect physiological (e.g., heart rate) and pollution data, and describe the implication of environmental quality on health and wellbeing. Additionally, you will be trained in research principles and ethics, basic research methods, and how to present study findings to local community members and leaders. Upon completion of the program, trainees will have developed skills such as: public speaking, science communication, data analytics, coding, and project management.

What is the time commitment? What will I be compensated?
This is a 7-week program (a little more than 9hr/week) taking place during October to late-November of 2022. You will collect and analyze data in your neighborhood (either Brightwood/Manor park area or Trinidad) on Saturdays and Thursdays after school. All data collection and analyses will be accompanied by research staff members. You will receive approximately $975 in compensation for participating in the program.

Who can participate in this program? How do I apply?
To participate in the program, you must be at least 12 years of age, currently enrolled in middle school or high school (or equivalent), and live in the Brightwood/Manor Park, or Trinidad neighborhoods of Washington, DC. You do not need any research and data collection experience to apply!

To apply, please email gardlab@umd.edu with subject line "*YPAR Applicant*". A member of the research team will send you an application form and schedule an interview with you. The deadline to apply is **September 17th, 2022.** For any additional questions or concerns please contact us at 301-405-5881 or gardlab@umd.edu.

Can participation satisfy community service hour requirements?
No, participation in this program cannot be counted as community service hours. All community service opportunities must come from or partner with a 501(c)(3) organization, federal, state, or local government agency (more information here: https://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/Community_Service _FAQs_for_Students_and_Families_FINAL_English.pdf)

But you can check out a list of volunteer opportunities in Washington, DC here: https://dcps.dc.gov/page/community-service

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