

Statewide Homeless Issues Research Work Study - Fall 2020

Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a statewide nonprofit devoted to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Texas. We want you on our Statewide Initiatives Team to help us make an even greater impact. The Statewide Initiatives team works with communities and partners around the state to find the best solutions to end homelessness, and then educates policymakers in Congress and the Administration to develop strong policy and adequate resources to support those solutions.

What we are looking for:

THN is looking for a talented Statewide Homeless Issues Research Work Study committed to helping end homelessness through analysis of policy and data on strategies on homelessness. We seek someone with high energy, excellent organizational and communications skills, and a grounding knowledge of homelessness and related issues, especially in the areas of housing and human services. A successful Researcher will value close collaboration with team members but will also be self-motivated and able to work independently.

What you will do:

The Statewide Initiatives team focuses on both state and federal policy and research. Together with the Statewide staff, the Statewide Homeless Issues Research Work Study uses research, data, and local experience to discover the best solutions to homelessness. This includes connecting with and learning from communities around the state to inform your research. Areas of responsibility for the Researcher may include the intersection of homelessness and employment, racial equity, veteran issues, health care, criminal justice and LGBTQ+ disparities. The Researcher will have and/or develop expertise in specific topics related to homelessness such as those listed. The substantive focus areas of the new Researcher will depend upon the needs of the organization and upon their knowledge and background, and may shift.

Tasks will include:

- Draft and conduct research and writing assignments supporting THN staff on issues related to the intersection of homelessness and employment, racial equity, veteran issues, health care, criminal justice and LGBTQ+ disparities
- Review and summarize policy for the easy consumption of THN Advocate partners.
- Support the THN's efforts to collaborate with strategic partners on developing resources and coordinating advocacy efforts across the state by assisting with preparation, hosting, and follow-up for training and public education events, including webinars, presentations, and conferences.
- Develop content for publications, blog posts, infographics, newsletter articles, social media posts, and other communications pieces to promote THN's programmatic priorities.
- Support the THN's efforts to cultivate strategic partnerships with multiple stakeholders including federal and state agencies, members of Congress, pro bono law firms, and other nonprofit organizations.
- Represent THN at meetings and conferences as appropriate.

What a successful candidate will need:

Knowledge and skills:

- Demonstrated commitment to having an impact on homelessness, poverty or related issues
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to conceptualize, initiate, and implement tasks
- Ability to work independently and remotely
- Working knowledge of federal poverty, and preferably homeless, programs
- Working knowledge of federal and Congressional procedures

What we can offer you:

THN is a strong, flexible team of professionals that works collaboratively to achieve its mission. We offer a supportive, flexible, and inclusive work environment. In addition to an environment in which every member of the staff is valued and has the opportunity to contribute, THN offers the following benefits: Partial remote working, flexible work hours to support other activities outside of work study, and professional development opportunities that may arise throughout your time with us.

How to Apply:

Email resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to hr@thn.org. Use Fall 2020 - Statewide Initiatives Homeless Issues Research Work Study in the subject line of your email.

THN is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit and business need.