SAFER Texas is a south Texas organization that specializes in stakeholder engagement during emergency responses. For this season, SAFER Texas’ most active activities include partnering with the State of Texas, several specialty societies, the Texas Medical Association, and local county medical societies, especially the Bexar County Medical Society, to provide physicians, clinics, and other healthcare provider sites with donated personal protective equipment. Other activities include contact tracing in partnership with San Antonio Metropolitan Health, surveillance systems, reporting systems, information dissemination, COVID research studies, and more. Please refer to saferintexas.com for more information on our current operations.

SAFER encourages applicants to submit a letter of intent explaining their career goals, current academic interests, what they would like to gain from an internship experience, internship requirements, and any particular skills the student may have that pertain to program operations and public health quality improvement. Internship experiences are created based on student submission letters of intent. As of today, we are seeking to place students in a primary capacity directed toward contact tracing, vaccination surveillance systems, and/or phone application.
implementation systems. Students seeking statistical projects will be assigned to highly specific projects related to ArcGIS mapping and application development.

4. **Are there any restrictions to an internship that the student or University should be aware of? Will this be a paid position?**

Students must be enrolled in an academic institution at the time of applying for this position. Students will be required to present an oral presentation or poster presentation to SAFER Texas staff at the end of their internship. Further, students are encouraged to submit an article for review to SAFER Texas at the end of their time as an intern. Acceptable article formats include annotated bibliography, manuscripts, IRB application, well-developed concept maps, meta-analysis, and more. Abstracts may be accepted if the student intends to present his or her work at a conference or symposium.

Student applications should be submitted via post mail to the address above with the following: CV/resume, contact information, letter of intent (1-2 pages). Please ensure to include the academic dates and semester the student is seeking to apply for. Students may submit one application for multiple semesters. Student dyads are highly preferred (i.e. students working together in collaboration on one project).

This opportunity is unpaid. Students may be provided letters of support for any financial applications that they are submitting to third parties for participation in this opportunity (i.e. grant application).

5. **Is your organization required to follow HIPPA guidelines?** YES X

6. **Do you require background checks for the interns?** NO X

   Background checks are performed internally and students are not required to pay or provide a background check.

7. **The internship requires 300 total hours during the semester. Are you able to host an intern for an average of:**

   20 hours per week during fall semester? Yes,
   20 hours per week during spring semester? Yes,
   30 hours per week during summer semester? Yes.