



PSR Maine Back from the Brink Student Intern Position

Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine (PSR Maine) is seeking a student intern to work with us in 2023 to increase the number of Maine municipalities, and other organizations and institutions to pass resolutions as part of a national campaign to prevent nuclear war called Back from the Brink. Currently resolutions have been adopted in Bangor, Hallowell, and Portland as well as dozens of state and local organizations.

The intern will help us identify and reach out to municipalities that we should prioritize for this project. The work would require doing an analysis of Maine cities and towns to identify who is on the city or town councils as well as the mayor, and find out some information about them (what issues they are concerned about, how long have they been in office, etc.) Additionally, the research would include how resolutions get passed in each city or town. We would also work together to figure out which PSR Maine supporters live in the municipalities we prioritize so that we could engage them to help us get more resolutions passed. The intern would also staff the effort, so helping to set up meetings, developing materials, etc. PSR Maine also helps lead an informal working group of other organizations and individuals called Mainers for Ending Nuclear Dangers (MEND) which the intern would help support. The intern would learn a LOT about public policy at the local level, and about the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

Hours/Fee: \$18/hour for 120 - 150 hours over the spring semester

BftB Leadership: PSR Maine Board Members Doug Dransfield, MD and Peter Wilk, MD and Interim Executive Director Marj Plumb, DrPH

Location: Virtual

Organization:

PSR Maine, a Physicians for Social Responsibility statewide chapter, is a group of healthcare professionals and citizen advocates. The organization exists to prevent public health risks by changing public opinion and policy. Our work, informed by scientific and medical research, is the foundation and defining feature of our advocacy and educational programming. Our core issues include:

- The medical consequences and mitigation of climate change and air pollution
- The medical and humanitarian reasons nuclear weapons threaten our existence, and why the US must change its nuclear policies and all countries must endorse the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- The medical evidence for the need to identify and reduce chemicals in and exposures to everyday products that are toxic to humans and the environment.

How to apply: Send Cover letter and Writing Sample to info@psrmaine.org. In your cover letter, please describe both your interest in public policy and your interest in ending nuclear dangers.