

Research Internship at SPHTM with Dr. Lederer

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My name is Kelsey Williams, and I am thrilled to have just begun my reproductive health and reproductive rights internship. I'm a junior from San Diego, California majoring in Public Health and on a pre-med track. My academic interests center on women's health, particularly how women can become more empowered through improved health and knowledge about their bodies. As I look beyond graduation, I

am torn between continuing to medical school and becoming an OB/GYN or pursuing a PhD in Public Health to do research. I am particularly excited about this internship, because I hope it will clarify some of my career goals.

This semester I will be working with Dr. Alyssa Lederer on sex education research. My first project is to compile a literature review on the effectiveness of online sex education programs, and then we will move on to analyzing the data she has collected on the subject. I have already improved my library research skills and have been introduced to several qualitative analysis skills. I am excited to gain a more thorough understanding of how to carry out public health research.

Beyond working with Dr. Lederer, I am involved in Students United for Reproductive Justice, Phi Mu, and calculus tutoring. I'm also a Newcomb Scholar, and I hope that many of the feminist perspectives I am learning through that program can help to influence my research analysis.