



EMERGING LEADER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY, 2019-2021  
**Youth-Led Approach to Confronting Gun Violence in Pennsylvania**

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<b>Host Organizations:</b>	Health Promotion Council & CeaseFirePA
<b>Location:</b>	Philadelphia, PA
<b>Dates:</b>	September 2019 – September 2021
<b>Salary:</b>	\$60,000 / year, plus benefits

### Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship

The [Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship](#) is a two-year, full-time, hands-on position for early career professionals. Fellows work collaboratively with a host organization and the Stoneleigh Foundation to execute a project that advances the missions of these organizations and enhances Fellows' professional skills and leadership development. Fellows are also supported by a cohort of peer Emerging Leaders, who participate in Foundation programming.

### The Project: *Youth-Led Approach to Confronting Gun Violence in Pennsylvania*

Student and youth activism on gun violence has reached new levels nationwide in recent years. Annually, roughly 400 Pennsylvanians under the age of 20 are treated for firearm injuries, and homicide by firearm is the leading cause of death for young, non-Hispanic, Black males in Philadelphia. Despite the tremendous impact of gun violence on the lives of youth and young adults, too often their voices are not heard in policy conversations related to gun violence, especially in Pennsylvania.

To address this challenge, the Fellow will work with Health Promotion Council (HPC) and CeaseFirePA to strengthen the role of youth voice in gun violence prevention policy efforts in Pennsylvania. The Fellow will be based at HPC but receive regular mentorship by and the opportunity to engage in policy activities with CeaseFirePA. Specifically, the Fellow will:

- **Adapt HPC's Advocacy Institute youth training program** to focus on gun violence prevention and policy advocacy.
  - *Conduct a literature review and stakeholder interviews* on how to engage young people on the issue of gun violence.
  - *Integrate findings* into the 12-week Advocacy Institute training curriculum.
- **Implement the adapted Advocacy Institute training program** on gun violence prevention.
  - *Recruit two cohorts of youth* from Greater Philadelphia to participate.
  - *Evaluate and refine the training curriculum* based on feedback from the cohort.
  - *Partner with the young people* on youth-led advocacy projects.
- **Engage in broader policy efforts** related to gun violence prevention, with a specific focus on elevating the voices of young people in these conversations.

- **Establish and institutionalize a Youth Advisory Board** that will advise CeaseFirePA on policy efforts.
  - *Work with Youth Advisory Board participants* to expand their knowledge of policy development, legislative processes, and community advocacy; build their leadership, organizational, and communications skills; and increase their civic engagement.

## Candidate Qualifications

Candidates should have earned a master's degree or higher in law, public health, government administration, criminal justice, social welfare, or a related field between 2016 and 2019. The candidate should have experience in community and youth engagement, legislative policy development, and community-level advocacy and mobilization efforts.

## Application Process

Please submit the following materials through PHMC's Careers Board at [phmc.org/site/careers](http://phmc.org/site/careers) by **December 10, 2018**. Please contact Christina Miller at [christinam@phmc.org](mailto:christinam@phmc.org) with any questions.

- A resume or CV
- A writing sample
- Three references preferred (at least one academic and one professional)
- A cover letter articulating why you would like to participate in the Fellowship, how it will advance your professional goals, why this project interests you, and what prior experience and training you bring that prepares you to lead this Fellowship project

Candidates chosen for an interview will be contacted directly by HPC and CeaseFirePA. One final candidate will be recommended to and interviewed by the Stoneleigh Foundation in January 2019. In March, Stoneleigh staff will present recommended candidates and projects to its Board of Directors.

## About Health Promotion Council & CeaseFirePA

[Health Promotion Council \(HPC\)](#), founded in 1981, addresses chronic disease prevention, particularly among vulnerable populations, through community-based outreach, education, and advocacy. HPC leads initiatives spanning direct service, capacity-building, and policy- and systems-change designed to improve health and wellness for all. Using this approach, HPC empowers individuals and families to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles, and works to create environments that enable positive health outcomes. HPC is a subsidiary of Public Health Management Corporation.

[CeaseFirePA](#) is a statewide organization working with mayors, police chiefs, faith leaders, community organizations, and individual Pennsylvanians to take a stand against gun violence. Through outreach, education, coalition-building, and advocacy, we work to reduce gun violence and gun tragedies in our communities, stop the flow of illegal guns onto our streets, and keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them. Our goal is to empower every Pennsylvanian to become a knowledgeable, confident advocate for themselves and their community. We believe expanding the network of citizen activists is central to achieving policy change. Our work with various communities and affinity groups helps create new voices advocating for reform and empowers individuals to use their personal experiences with violence as solid cases for change. Together with our partners and supporters, we play a central role in local, regional, statewide, and national efforts to change the shape of gun violence prevention policy.