

Delta Health Center  
First time position in 2022

Delta Health Center, Inc. (DHC) is ready to welcome one community summer scholar for an internship in summer 2022.

DHC is the first Federally Qualified Health Center in the United States in historic Mound Bayou, Mississippi, and is considered the birthplace of the community health movement. DHC specializes in primary care, pediatric care, women's healthcare, and dental care throughout the Mississippi Delta and serves some of the poorest patients in America. Two Robertson alumni currently work at DHC: Braveen Ragunathan (Duke 2012) as a pediatrician, and Nina Ragunathan (also Duke 2012) as an OB/GYN.

The Community Summer intern will have the opportunity to work with several DHC staff on different aspects of DHC's mission. They will assist DHC's grant writer on writing funding grants and project reports for the entities that fund several of DHC's activities. They will also assist DHC staff in health outreach campaigns - specific details TBD based on the needs of the organization at that time. They will also have the opportunity to shadow the Drs. Ragunathan and assist them in quality-improvement initiatives for their patients.

This position is ideal for a pre-med student, but anyone interested in public health is welcome to apply.

#### NOTES FROM VICKI:

A car will be necessary for this position. Mound Bayou is 10-15 minutes from Cleveland, where the house is located.

Drs. Nina and Braveen Ragunathan are Duke 2012 Robertson Alumni who spent their Community Summer in Mound Bayou and left with a commitment to rural health. They completed their residencies in ob/gyn and pediatrics, respectively, in 2021, and returned to Mound Bayou as primary care practitioners. Their first child was born in September 2021.

The job responsibilities for this position are unfolding, and there is no doubt that this Scholar will receive exceptional mentoring and a unique exposure to critical issues in medical access for populations suffering generations of poverty, racism, and trauma.