Dear *(insert name)*,

I am reaching out to inform you of a new internship program for students who have an interest in housing issues.  The HUD Office of Housing Counseling, HUD participating Housing Counseling Agencies, and universities are working together to place student interns at Housing Counseling Agencies.

The goal is for housing counseling agencies to leverage the students’ knowledge and interest in housing issues to increase our agency’s capacity to prevent evictions, foreclosures, homelessness, and housing instability. Students benefit through real-world experience and mentorship from housing counselors. They will add new skills and training to their resume and discover career paths in housing counseling, nonprofit administration, and community-based service provision, housing law, fair housing, and related fields.

The HUD Office of Housing Counseling will provide training opportunities for students to orient them to the practice of housing counseling. Additionally, HUD can offer a path to housing counselor certification for students who wish to study for and take the test, including training scholarships.

Please let us know if you are interested in this program and wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,