



PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Alzheimer's is a fatal and progressive brain disorder affecting an estimated 5.4 million Americans that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. There is no cure. The Alzheimer's Association has a nationwide network with more than 70 affiliated chapters and 300 offices working together to accomplish our mission.

Public Policy Division

The Public Policy Division advances the mission of the Association by effecting change in public policy at the federal, state, and local levels. The work of the division is carried out through direct lobbying with elected officials and agency leaders and indirectly through grassroots activities of chapters, ambassadors and community advocates. The Public Policy Division also conducts research to educate and formulate the best policy solutions for people with Alzheimer's and their families. Learn more about our policy work at www.alz.org/advocacy.

Internship Availability

Interns are accepted for placement in the Public Policy Division during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. It is our preference interns seek credit from a sponsoring academic institution or facility, however if that is not possible a small stipend *may* be available.

Internship Responsibilities

Interns in the Public Policy Division may be responsible for substantive projects supporting staff in Federal Government Affairs, State Government Affairs, Advocacy (grassroots), Policy Development and Public Health. On behalf of the Association, interns will have an opportunity to monitor and attend Congressional hearings and federal agency events, interact with other health organizations, attend informative policy briefings and work directly with Alzheimer's advocates. Additionally, interns may have the opportunity to interact with state-level legislators, agency officials and public health officials. Interns may conduct legislative research, regulatory research, and scholarly policy research, and will read and analyze a variety of reports released by government agencies and think tanks. Interns will occasionally assist in administrative tasks such as making phone calls and recording data.

Qualifications

Students wishing to join the Public Policy Division as interns should have strong written and oral communication skills, and an interest in health policy is preferred. Interns must currently be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level program at an accredited university or college.

Graduate Student Qualifications

In addition to all responsibilities and qualifications listed above, graduate interns joining the Public Policy Division should have a dedicated interest in health policy, health economics, biomedical research, health systems, public health or a related policy area. Graduate interns will be expected to work with staff to develop and manage research projects that will support the work of the Alzheimer's Association with limited guidance by staff.

Contact

To apply, please forward a cover letter (indicating your specific interests related to Alzheimer's issues and dates available for an internship), resume, academic transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable) and a short writing sample (10 pages or less) to:

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