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2024 AAPD Summer Internship Program

[Apply for the Summer Internship Program](#) by
October 19, 2023 at 11:59pm ET

The AAPD Summer Internship Program is a professional and career development opportunity for disabled students and recent graduates. For Summer 2024, AAPD will offer a hybrid internship program with some interns joining remotely from across the country while some interns will be based in Washington DC.



AAPD provides the following supports:

- Competitive living stipend
- If remote, housing stipend or in-person, covers accessible housing in Washington, DC
- Transportation to and from Washington, DC
- Technology equipment and supports

During the program, interns will:

- Gain employment skills in a 10-week full-time internship in a Congressional office, federal agency, nonprofit or for profit organization
- Build their leadership and advocacy skills in the Disability Advocacy Certificate Program
- Connect one on one with mentors who has similar goals and interests
- Join virtual weekly community events

An information webinar is on Tuesday, October 3 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET. [Register for the Summer Internship Program webinar](#). ASL and CART provided. Any questions can be directed to internships@aapd.com.



2024 AAPD Paul G. Hearne Emerging Leader Award

[Apply for the Paul G. Hearne Emerging Leader Award](#) by October 26, 2023 at 5:00pm ET

AAPD is seeking to recognize two (2) emerging leaders or groups with disabilities who exemplify leadership, advocacy, and dedication to the broader cross-disability community. Awardees will receive \$7,500 to further a new or existing initiative that increases opportunities for people with disabilities and \$2,500 in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the disability community.



AAPD will host an information webinar on Monday, October 16, 2023 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm ET. ASL and CART will be provided. [Register for the Paul G. Hearne Emerging Leader Award informational webinar](#). If you have any additional access needs, please email programs@aapd.com.

Virtual Career & Internship Fair

Date: October 17, 2023 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm ET
[Register for the Career & Internship Fair](#) by October 13, 2023

Job and internship seekers looking for early career development opportunities, join us to hear from companies, agencies and organizations committed to embracing inclusive practices within their workplace culture!

Attendees will learn:

- Mission and purpose of participating companies
- Job and internship opportunities
- Inclusive practices and ideology of participating companies
- Potential future company-sponsored professional development courses, workshops, or training
- Company representatives contact information for post-event follow-up



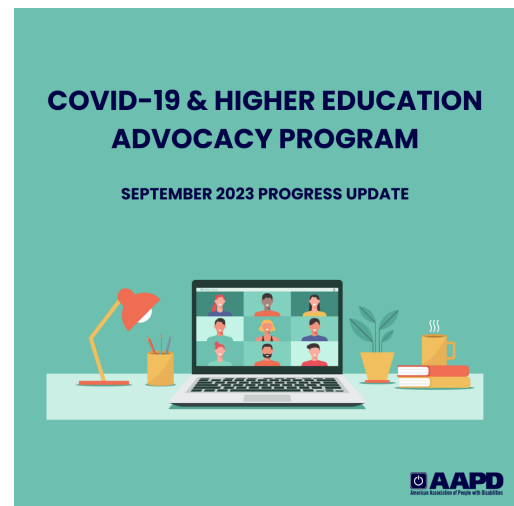


Attendees will also have the opportunity to interact with company presenters in smaller breakout rooms.

Are you part of a company or organization that wants to reach job and internship seekers? Let us know by [submitting this interest form](#) by October 10. Questions can be emailed to dmd@aapd.com.

COVID 19 & Higher Education Advocacy Program

A year ago, [AAPD proudly announced](#) that with funding from the Ford Foundation, we would be creating the COVID-19 & Higher Education Advocacy Program. Despite the end of the formally declared public health emergency, we know the pandemic isn't over. It has been a mass disabling event that has rippled through our communities in a profound way, including higher education institutions. We have seen and continue to grow in our understanding of the impacts of long COVID.



We want to collect information from community members interested in staying updated on our COVID-19 & Higher Education Advocacy program. We will organize focus groups in various communities and topic areas in the coming months. These groups will help to inform what we tackle next, how we design our Discord or a platform for folks to connect, and other means for direct connection, organizing, strategy, and support. By filling out [our COVID 19 & Higher Education Advocacy Program form here](#), we invite folks to add their email to our mailing list and/or share additional information about themselves and indicate how they'd like to get involved in the program. We will be announcing details about our subgrants in the coming weeks and encourage you to stay tuned!

[Read the entire blog post regarding the COVID 19 & Higher Education Advocacy Program update on our website](#). Questions can be emailed to education@aapd.com.