AAU Internship Opportunities

The Association of American Universities (AAU) has two openings for undergraduate college-student interns in its Washington, D.C. office for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. These are unpaid positions—one focuses on science and higher education policy and the other on communications/public affairs. Depending on their university, students may be able to receive college credit for their work.

Policy interns at AAU engage in a wide variety of policy-related activities. They conduct research and analysis, as appropriate; track legislation; attend congressional and agency hearings; draft congressional correspondence and briefing papers; and participate in AAU meetings and related activities.

Communications/public affairs interns develop materials on the value of university research and higher education. They work with the public affairs staff to expand, and improve AAU’s web and social media presence.

AAU’s goal is to provide interns with a solid understanding of the federal policymaking process and help them gain practical experience in how the higher education community works to communicate its views and have an impact on federal funding and policy decisions. AAU’s staff will work with students to ensure that their Washington experience is valuable to them by matching their interests with current projects.

Historically, AAU interns come from a variety of universities, not just AAU members. These include American University, Vanderbilt University, Texas A&M, Penn State, Harvard University, the University of Iowa, UC Davis, University of Michigan, UCLA, and Brown University. Based on positive past experience with interns, AAU is looking forward to our upcoming session.

Interested undergraduate students should submit electronic copies of their resume, a letter of interest, and a short writing sample to Traci Carlson at traci.carlson@aau.edu. Please indicate in the subject line whether the application is for the policy or public affairs internship opportunity.

**Deadlines:**

- Spring Applications – Due by November 7, 2014
- Summer Applications – Due by April 3, 2015
- Fall Applications – Due by June 12, 2015