

Affiliate Affairs and National Public Health Week Internship

APHA's Affiliate Affairs department serves as the primary liaison to APHA's 53 state and regional public health associations. It is also the lead organizing unit for APHA's annual National Public Health Week (NPHW) campaign.

APHA's affiliated state and regional public health associations support the leadership and advocacy work of APHA bringing local attention to public health issues such as, health disparities, access to care, public health infrastructure, the public health work force, and other issues affecting the nation's health. APHA Affiliates are independently established and have their own infrastructure, governing body, priority issues, and public health activities.

APHA is the lead organizer of NPHW. Established in 1995 when former President William Jefferson Clinton proclaimed the first full week of April as National Public Health Week, this annual observance brings together private and non-profit organizations and federal, state, and local health agencies to build healthier communities and increase awareness of important public health issues.

Internship Description

The Affiliate Affairs internship provides students with a multifaceted opportunity to learn about public health, the public policy process, and public health practice on various levels. Affiliate Affairs interns will also have the unique experience of assisting staff with the planning of National Public Health Week and implementation of the \$5.9 million APHA Affiliate Capacity Building Initiative. Additionally, this internship offers several opportunities to work collaboratively with APHA departments such as, Government Relations, Communications, and Component Affairs. Internship work and activities include:

- Research for NPHW tools, resources, brochures, and marketing materials
- Updating NPHW and Affiliate Affairs Web site content
- Coordinating outreach efforts to NPHW National, State, and Local partners
- Assisting with and participating in various Affiliate and NPHW planning meetings and conference calls
- Accompanying staff on lobbying visits; helping write NPHW newsletters and other materials distributed to APHA members, Affiliates, and partners

- Helping plan national and local events leading up to and throughout NPHW
- Attending public health related events on Capitol Hill and around Washington, DC
- Providing Public Affairs and Advocacy staff with administrative support

At the end of the internship, we hope that the student will have learned much about national health observances, public health, and its practice on the national, state and local level. Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references to:

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