

THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

*Invites Applications for the
2009-2010*

PUBLIC INTEREST POLICY GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNSHIP



PROGRAM: *The graduate student intern will spend one year working on public interest policy issues on the staff of the Public Interest Government Relations Office of the American Psychological Association (APA). The Office helps to formulate and implement APA positions on major federal policy initiatives of importance to psychology in the public interest. Specific public interest policy areas pertain to special populations (i.e., children, youth, and families; women; older adults; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons; ethnic minorities; individuals with disabilities; and those with HIV/AIDS), as well as social issues (e.g., media and trauma, violence, and abuse). The intern's activities include participating in legislative and advocacy work, such as assisting in the preparation of briefing papers, testimony and other documents, and attending congressional hearings and coalition meetings.*

PURPOSE: *To provide graduate students with first-hand knowledge of the ways in which psychological research can inform public policy and the roles psychologists can play in its formulation and implementation.*

CRITERIA: *Applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program in psychology, in at least the second year of graduate training, and have a strong interest in applying psychological research findings to the solution of social problems. The intern must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide range of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. The intern must demonstrate competence in conducting literature reviews and summarizing findings for a non-scientific audience. Applicants should be members of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) and must be available to work 15 hours per week in APA's Central Office in Washington, D.C., from September 2009 until August 2010.*

STIPEND: *The internship provides a stipend of \$15.00 per hour.*

APPLICATION: *Interested students are required to submit the following materials by March 6, 2009: 1) a current vita providing information about educational background and any relevant professional, public policy, and/or legislative experience; 2) a statement of 500 words or less, expressing the applicant's interest in the internship and what the applicant hopes to learn from the experience; and 3) three letters of recommendation, including one from the Department indicating the applicant is enrolled and in good standing with the college/university; and 4) a literature review (not more than 5 pages).*

Application materials should be sent to:

**American Psychological Association
Public Interest Government Relations Office/Internship Program
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002-4242**

The deadline for applications is **March 6, 2009**.

*For additional information about the application process, please contact Joslyn Smith at (202) 336-6097 or jsmith@apa.org.
Further information may also be found at www.apa.org/ppo/fellows.*