

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL)

AAPD Fall Intern Position Description

[The Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#) was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live with dignity and independence participate fully in their communities. [The Office of Policy Analysis and Development \(OPAD\)](#) works within ACL, across the federal government and with external stakeholders to develop, implement, track and evaluate public policy interventions to advance ACLs mission.

ACL externships give students the chance to gain valuable professional federal experience with one of the most comprehensive disability and aging services and research programs in the federal government. Students will have the opportunity to gain experience in, and exposure to, a diverse array of policy topics such as health care (Medicare and Medicaid), civil rights, disability, aging, workforce, housing, mental health, and others.

OPAD externs will

- Research on topical policy issues affecting older adults and people with disabilities
- Prepare briefing materials and slide decks for OPAD staff
- Brief senior staff on federal and state legislative and administrative developments
- Attend internal and external convenings related to health care, aging and disability policy
- Work across ACL departments to advance OPAD mission under supervision of OPAD staff
- Participate in professional development activities, including through formal mentorship and scheduled professional development activities such as brown bags and networking events.

To apply for this placement site as a part of the AAPD Fall Internship Program, please visit our [AAPD Fall Internship Program Webpage](#). Applications are due on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 11:59pm ET.