

Beyond AIDS Foundation

Internship and Fellowship Application

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Internship: Available to College Students, College Graduates without Graduate Education, and Exceptional High School Seniors

Fellowship: Available to Postgraduate or Post-Internship Students, as a Supplementary Training Experience in Public Health Policy

*Beyond AIDS is a non-profit organization that is committed to working to **reverse the course of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic through sound public health policy.***

Are you looking for an opportunity to get more involved in your community and in a global health issue, without a full-time commitment?

If so, an internship or fellowship with Beyond AIDS could be right for you. You will gain experience in public health and policy issues, political science, law and legislation, and health care. In addition, fellowship experience looks great on your resume and it will help to build your skills as you work towards your future endeavors. The fellowship is part-time and can be done concurrently with other academic training.

Do you believe that society and public health services should be doing more to prevent new HIV infections? Do you know that until recently in many states, HIV has not been a reportable disease by name to the health department, yet dozens of other communicable diseases have been for many decades? If you have been exposed to HIV from a partner, the public health department and even your health care provider in many parts of the U.S. are legally hampered from telling you. *Basic public health policies, such as partner notification, contact tracing, and disease control are **NOT** being routinely done with one of the most deadly viruses in the world.*

The U.S. Public Health Service estimates that of over a million Americans infected with HIV, over 20% or 200,000 are not aware of their infections and most of these have never been tested. Yet in most states, HIV tests are unlike other medical tests, and cannot be done as a routine part of medical care, because a person must sign a special written consent and often must undergo special counseling before being tested. Worldwide, HIV is the virus responsible for 16,000 new HIV cases per day, a new HIV diagnosis for a woman every 12 minutes, and a daily death rate equal to 52 jumbo jet crashes. HIV in newborn babies could be almost entirely preventable if all pregnant women were tested and all infected women and their newborn babies were treated with HIV medications, yet massive numbers of HI- infected newborns continue to be born each year.

Goals of Beyond AIDS

*To control the HIV epidemic and save lives through early identification of HIV-infected individuals by routine and universal testing (especially of pregnant women), facilitation of access to care, and prevention of further transmission.

*Insist that Public Health services return to their inherent duty to control deadly disease.

*Require that HIV positive individuals, after appropriate notification and counseling, be held accountable for preventing transmission to others. AIDS has no cure and it does not discriminate.

*Require Public Health services notify contacts and provide infected persons with counseling, referrals for early and compassionate treatment, and assistance in maintaining low risk behaviors and treatment compliance, including follow-up as needed.

What Does Beyond AIDS Do?

Beyond AIDS has a membership organization which promotes federal and state legislation and improvements in public policy. The organization has been successful in passing new laws and in preventing legislation that was felt to be damaging to the control of HIV/AIDS. We also have a tax-deductible foundation, which provides continuing education of health professionals and public leaders, raises public awareness of HIV/AIDS issues, pursues international liaisons to influence HIV/AIDS policies of other countries, and pursues research. The fellowship program is most closely affiliated with the Beyond AIDS Foundation, but there is an opportunity to become involved in legislative and public affairs activities.

Internship and Fellowship Overview

We are seeking interns and fellows who are committed to fighting for public safety and willing to commit time to help us in maintaining public health contacts, supporting legislative issues, letter writing campaigns, webpage and marketing support and working towards developing a sound public health response to HIV.

Fellows generally work more independently and at a more advanced level than interns, but projects may be similar.

*Areas of Interest: Please indicate on the application the areas that you are most interested in assisting with if you were to be selected as a fellow. Your duties would be flexible and collaborative as to both the organizational goals and your personal goals; however this will help us to determine fellow interests in our selection process.

*Time commitment: Usually a 1 year commitment (flexible start/end dates), but may be shorter or longer, with option for extension to a second year. Full participation requires only 20-30 hours per month, scheduled at the convenience of the fellow.

*Requirements: For internship, outstanding high school seniors, college undergraduates, and recent graduates without graduate education are welcome to apply. For fellowship, current graduate students and postgraduates are welcome to apply.

*Compensation: Both internship and fellowship is part-time, and will be mainly volunteer. This is not meant to be a full-time position...it can be done while you are also a student or working. However, at the discretion of the Board, there may from time to time during the training period there may be some stipend funds available in the form of small scholarships, in recognition for the accomplishment of specific tasks and projects. Expense and travel money to help accomplish projects will generally be available as funding permits.

*Selection Criteria: Applicants will be selected upon their own merit and interest in the internship or fellowship, irrespective of race, religion, sexual orientation, or infection status. All individuals are encouraged to apply, and we welcome diversity.

*Mentoring: you will be matched with a mentor from the Board of Directors or Advisory Council, who will assist you in completing projects, brainstorming on areas of interest, reviewing and advising on your work, and encouraging your further development. Most of the ongoing contact will be via e-mail and phone, but it will also be possible to meet in person. For interns and fellows engaged simultaneously in other training programs, Beyond AIDS mentors will also be happy to collaborate with faculty so that academic credit for research, thesis, or independent study can be obtained via the same projects undertaken for the internship or fellowship.

*Note: this fellowship will involve work on the Internet, in researching and contacting public health officials, creating lists, working on HIV legislation, assisting in development of Web site, letters, documents, brochures, etc. It may also involve assistance with clerical work such as mailings, and phone contacts to promote the aims of the organization. Most of the tasks of this fellowship can be performed from your home location, and it is not meant to be a position where you will need to relocate to us or come to work in an office away from home. The only travel that may occur is for occasional orientation, and for meetings and/or educational events (1-2 per year), which may occur within 70 miles of Los Angeles, Washington D.C., or New York City. Financial assistance for travel will be available on an individual basis as funds permit.

Application Instructions

1. Submit a detailed resume, which includes your education, work and volunteer experiences.
2. Write a short essay about why you are interested in pursuing an internship or fellowship with Beyond AIDS and what assets you are able to bring to the organization. You may include ideas on how to promote the goals of Beyond AIDS. The length of the essay is up to you...write as little or as much as you feel is needed. This is used as an adjunct for us to get a feel for your interests and goals and whether you and Beyond AIDS will be a “good fit.”.
3. Complete the attached information sheet/application. Please type or print legibly.
4. MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:

*Beyond AIDS Foundation
Attn: Ronald P. Hattis, MD, MPH, Internship Director
1554 Barton Road #401
Redlands, Ca 92373*

Or scan and attach to an e-mail to ronhattis@beyondaids.org

Applicants will be given a brief phone interview and then notified within several weeks whether they have been selected. There will be opportunities to communicate and ask questions by e-mail both before and after an interview. Please provide an e-mail address on your application, so that we can arrange the time for a phone interview in advance. Thanks!

For additional questions or concerns, please e-mail Dr. Hattis at: ronhattis@beyondaids.org. Please feel free to duplicate and distribute all application materials as needed. Thank you for your interest in the Beyond AIDS Foundation and our fellowship program.

BEYOND AIDS INTERNSHIP/FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Apt.#s
_____ City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Applying for: Internship Fellowship

Educational Background

Please list chronologically all schools previously attended, including the most recent first.

Institution	Dates Attended	Major	Degree
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Employment History

Employer	Position/Title	Dates	Description of Duties
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Community Service / Volunteer Activities

Professional Activities / Memberships

Project Interests (check all that apply and/or list your special interests):

Marketing Webpage Development / Internet Support Public Health Issues
 Public Policy Legislation / Legal Issues Community Outreach
 Other: _____

Other Comments (add any additional information you wish us to know):

References (Please provide contact information for at least two personal or professional references)

I certify that the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date