



Press Intern – Affordable Care Act Media Team

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA), part of the Office of the Secretary, is seeking a fall intern with a dedication to public service. ASPA serves as the Department's principal Public Affairs office, leading efforts across the Department to promote transparency, accountability and access to critical public health and human services information to the American people.

The successful candidate will be part of a team that serves as the Department's primary point of contact for all news media interested in the Affordable Care Act and other health care initiatives. As the press intern, you will help with planning and researching public events for the Secretary and surrogates, developing external and media partnerships, drafting communications plans and press materials, maintaining press lists, media monitoring, and supporting the overall team. The internship is full time (approximately 40 hours per week) and unpaid.

Requirements: This internship is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Students from all colleges and universities are welcome to apply. The ideal candidate is an organized, self-starter with experience working in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment. Public affairs, journalism, or communications background preferred. Other federal government or Hill experience is recommended, but not required. A minimum eight-week commitment is required.

This position is not a federal appointment, therefore volunteer service is not creditable for leave or any other benefits. The selected candidate and their sponsoring institution (college or university) will also be asked to sign a Department of Health and Human Services and Educational Institution Student Volunteer Employment Program Agreement.

To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Alexander.Kotran@hhs.gov.