

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

The National Cancer Institute is accepting applications for its Fall 2011 HCIP class.

Health Communications Internship Program (HCIP)

Applications for the Fall term are due by March 1st.

Apply online! See website for further details.

<http://hcip.nci.nih.gov>

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the largest of the 27 institutes and centers comprising the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The NCI coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients.

The NCI recognizes that health information dissemination is key to raising public awareness about new cancer treatments, support for cancer patients and their families, and prevention strategies. To that end, in 1975 the NCI established the Health Communications Internship Program (HCIP) to attract and develop individuals interested in careers in health communications and science writing.

The HCIP gives highly qualified graduate students and recent graduate degree recipients the opportunity to participate in vital health and science communications projects in one of the many offices that make up the NCI. Interns will select an area of emphasis: Health Communications or Science Writing. Six-month and one-year internship terms are available.

Successful Health Communications applicants have some science background as well as experience and/or education in any of the following areas: public health, epidemiology, public relations, health education, communications, science writing, statistics, social marketing, or journalism.

Health Communications interns:

- * Plan, develop, and promote cancer education programs and materials (including Web-based) for the public, cancer patients, or health professionals
- * Gain experience in pre-testing and evaluating cancer prevention and treatment messages, publications, materials, and programs that reach the American public
- * Participate in professional meetings and training seminars

Successful Science Writing applicants have a science background with the ability to translate complex scientific concepts into material suitable for a lay audience. Science Writing interns:

- * Write fact sheets and press releases
- * Answer inquiries from the press
- * Attend and report on scientific meetings
- * Write feature length, creative articles on the latest, most important advances in cancer research
- * Participate in professional meetings and training seminars

Additional information about this program including an online application can be found by visiting <http://hcip.nci.nih.gov/https://mail.nih.gov/owa/HCIP-contact@mail.nih.gov/UrlBlockedError.aspx>. If you would like hard copies of a program brochure to distribute or display, please reply to this e-mail with your mailing address and the number of copies you would like sent.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at HCIP-Contact@mail.nih.gov <<https://mail.nih.gov/owa/HCIP-contact@mail.nih.gov/UrlBlockedError.aspx>>. If you are no longer the contact person for this program at your university/organization, please let us know and provide updated information.

Thank you for your continued support of the NCI's Health Communications Internship Program.

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