



Internship Program

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), San Jose

AGENCY OVERVIEW

More than thirty years ago, a group of citizens gathered together to express discontent and share common concerns about their experiences as Asian Americans. This small group of community leaders founded Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) in 1973. Today, AACI is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to serving Asian Americans in Santa Clara County.

Focusing on the diverse Asian American community, AACI's mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian American community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice.

AACI's diverse services include a primary care medical clinic, mental health services for all ages, HIV testing, education and prevention, Hepatitis B screenings and vaccinations, substance abuse treatment, programs for drinking drivers, a Center for Survivors of Torture, health education and promotion, youth services, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children, senior services, community advocacy, and ESL and citizenship classes. AACI has an active board of 13 members, and a diverse staff of approximately 130 individuals. AACI's multi-lingual staff speaks over 24 different languages and works with approximately 8,000 clients, Asian and non-Asian, each year.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

An internship at AACI provides individuals with an opportunity to gain exposure to the health and human service nonprofit field as well as community advocacy on issues that impact our clients. The availability of internships varies by AACI department. The following departments host interns:

- Administration
- Advocacy Services
- Alcohol & Other Drugs (AOD)
- Clinic
- Domestic Violence
- HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention
- Mental Health
- Resource Development
- Senior Wellness Program
- Youth

The expectations of AACI interns are as follows:

- Positive attitude and an ability to work as a team with other staff members.
- Willingness to be flexible and work on a variety of tasks.
- Fulfill duties, time commitments and schedule.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced but friendly environment.
- Strong communication with supervisor about questions, concerns, etc.
- Professionalism in working with other staff and members of the community.
- Dress code (business casual).

INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

Interns are given significant and meaningful responsibilities at the organization and some of the benefits include opportunities to:

- Build professional skills such as oral and written communications, computer skills, networking, and research.
- Learn about health, human service, and other issues affecting the Asian American community.
- Learn from staff working in the health and human service field, specifically the delivery of culturally and linguistically competent services.
- Gain a better sense of the interaction between nonprofit organizations, foundations, government agencies, the private sector and the community.
- Network with other nonprofit organizations and government entities.
- Mentoring and shadowing.
- Be a part of a professional work environment and have opportunities to participate in staff events and activities including but not limited to annual staff picnic, staff lunches, community service events, etc.
- Make a difference in serving the community.

INTERNSHIP HOURS & LOCATION

Interns are accepted throughout the year and the hours and schedule is negotiated between the intern and the supervisor. AACI's main office is located at 2400 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95128.

For more information, please email Sharon Valencia at Sharon.Valencia@aaci.org or call (408) 975-2730 ext. 173 for an internship application.