



## Government Relations Internship Program Application

### Program Overview

The Government Relations Internship Program (GRIP) provides stipends to assist selected students who are completing summer health policy internships in the Washington, D.C., area.

In addition to receiving a stipend, GRIP participants benefit from attendance at weekly seminars conducted at the AMA Washington Office. These seminars are designed to increase the continuity of the internship experience, promote camaraderie among medical students working in health policy, and facilitate continuing education on important political issues. Upon completion of the program, GRIP participants are required to complete and submit a report on their internship experiences.

Internships must be arranged for a six- to eight-week period, June through August 2012. The GRIP application deadline is February 15. Late applications will be considered on a rolling basis if space remains.

### Program Eligibility

GRIP applicants must be AMA members who have secured policy internships in the Washington, D.C., area during the summer. Eligible internship sites include:

- National medical specialty societies seated in the AMA House of Delegates
- Public health advocacy groups
- Non-clinical international health policy groups within the Washington, D.C. area (limited spots)

Internships with narrowly focused lobbying organizations or with specialty organizations that are not seated in the AMA House of Delegates are strongly discouraged.

A limited number of pre-arranged internships are also available. Pre-arranged internship sites include:

- AMA's Washington, D.C., office
- American Society for Radiation Oncology

Information on applying for these pre-arranged internships can be found on page 4 of this application.

**You must be a current AMA Member to apply.**

**Unless you are applying for one of the pre-arranged internships listed on page 4 of this application, you must secure a summer internship position *before* completing and submitting this application.**

## Section 1: Contact information

Name:

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address:

Street Address

Unit

City

State

ZIP

Telephone:

Day

Evening

E-mail:

Medical School expected graduation:

## Section 2: Internship Information

Select one:

I have arranged my own internship.

Name of organization:

Dates of internship:

I am applying for a pre-arranged internship position with:  
(see page 4 for more information about these positions)

American Medical Association

American Society for Radiation Oncology

## Section 3: Attach a current CV.

## Section 4: Statement of Interest

In a brief essay, indicate why you are applying for this internship program and what you hope to gain from the experience. (approximately 300 words)

## Section 5: Action Plan

Please describe what you hope to accomplish at your particular internship site and specific duties for which you may be responsible.

## Section 6: Legislative Essay

Identify an area of interest related to national health policy. Lobby this issue as an informed advocate for organized medicine. This writing sample should be substantive and concise. (300-600 words)

## Section 7: Letter of Intent

A letter of invitation from your internship sponsor is required for an internship you are setting up outside of the below mentioned offices.

**Submit all completed GRIP application materials to:**

Mail: American Medical Association  
Department of Medical Student Services  
515 North State Street  
Chicago, IL 60654

OR

E-mail: [terrence.cunningham@ama-assn.org](mailto:terrence.cunningham@ama-assn.org)

OR

Fax: (312) 464-5845

For fullest consideration, submit application materials by **February 15**. No applications will be accepted after April 15. If you have any questions, please contact Terrence Cunningham in the AMA Department of Medical Student Services at (312) 464-4745.

## **GRIP Pre-Arranged Internship Positions**

Note: The availability of these positions is subject to change.

### **Placement at the Washington Office of the American Medical Association**

One internship position is available at the AMA Washington office. This position is designed to expose students to issues and practices in the field of medical association government relations. The student intern will take considerable responsibility for working with AMA staff, and will observe and accompany different staffers at various times to ensure a wide range of experiences. Some individual reading and writing tasks will be assigned, and the student will be asked whenever practical to assume work duties that will contribute to the office's work product. This placement may be of particular interest to students pursuing an MD/JD degree.

Students seeking more information on this position should contact Terrence Cunningham at (312) 464-4745. Interested students must complete all parts of the application.

### **Placement at the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)**

ASTRO is a non-profit professional organization made up of physicians (radiation oncologists), radiation biologists, medical physicists and radiation oncology nurses. The Mission of ASTRO is to advance the practice of radiation oncology, promote excellence in patient care and provide professional development. Visit the ASTRO Web site for more information at [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org).

The student intern will spend time understanding how the different governmental agencies (FDA, NRC, AHRQ, and NCI) and Congress effect the practice of Radiation Oncology. The student will attend governmental meetings, congressional briefings, and scheduled Hill visits with members. In addition, the student will research bills that effect Radiation Oncology and provide analysis of those bills on monthly Government Relations conference calls. The medical student will work with the ASTRO Director of Government Relations and staff in the Fairfax-Washington office.

Students wishing to be considered for this position should contact Dave Adler, ASTRO Director of Government Relations, at [davea@astro.org](mailto:davea@astro.org). Interested students must complete all parts of the application.