

2008 Internships

National Center for Ethics in Health Care

Veterans Health Administration

The National Center for Ethics in Health Care, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), invites applications for participation in the 2008 Ethics in Health Care Internship Program. Interns will work in close collaboration with the Ethics Center's multidisciplinary team of professionals. The Center is a VHA national program office that supports the largest integrated health care delivery system in the nation by addressing issues in clinical, organizational, and research ethics.

DESCRIPTION: The Center's internship program provides unique opportunities for individuals with a career interest in applying ethics in a health care organization to gain on-the-job experience. Interns will work on Center projects selected in discussion with the local site coordinator. Projects at our three locations focus on the following:

- Washington, DC– Ethics Policy
- New York, NY– Ethics Consultation
- Seattle, WA – Ethics Evaluation

In addition to project work, interns will be exposed to a range of clinical, organizational and research ethics issues through participation in ongoing activities of the Center. To learn more about the National Center for Ethics in Health Care, visit our Web site at www.ethics.va.gov.

POSITIONS: For 2008, we expect to offer a total of up to 5 internships, with one or two interns in each of our 3 offices, i.e., Washington, D.C., New York and Seattle.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree prior to the start of the internship (preferably in health care ethics or a related field). Applicants who are entering or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program are expected to be in ethics or a closely related field. U.S. citizenship is required for all applicants. **Seattle applicants, please note:** For an internship in Seattle, priority will be given to candidates with experience in empirical bioethics, health care evaluation or quality improvement. Familiarity with SPSS, SAS or other statistical packages and/or Nud*ist/NVivo or other qualitative analysis software is also desirable.

SCHEDULE: Most internships start in June and are 10 weeks in duration. However, different schedule requests will be considered.

COMPENSATION: For a 10-week, full-time internship, pay is approximately \$3,800 (varies by location).

SELECTION: Applications will be reviewed and telephone interviews conducted during March. All applicants will be notified regarding selection by April 11, 2008.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a letter of interest describing your related education and experience, your resume, and the attached application form. Send these via e-mail (preferred) or fax for receipt no later than March 3, 2008, to: Adrian.sims@va.gov or Fax: (202) 501-2238

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Application Form

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

_____ *Street*

_____ *City*

_____ *State*

_____ *Zip*

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

2. I request consideration for an internship in the following Ethics Center office (If more than one, indicate order of preference):

Washington, D.C.

New York, NY

Seattle, WA

3. I am available during the following months: _____

4. I acknowledge that housing is not provided by the Ethics Center:

5. I am a U.S. citizen:

6. I have attached my resume and letter of interest:

7. How did you learn about this internship program?

Please ensure receipt of your complete application by March 3, 2008. Send via e-mail or fax to: adrian.sims@va.gov or Fax: (202) 501-2238.