PAID INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Higher Education Policy and Data Intern
Summer 2019

This is an exciting internship opportunity, ideal for a graduate student interested in global higher education (including the UN Sustainable Development Goals), program evaluation, and/or policy analysis. The student chosen for this internship will have the opportunity to develop their survey design, survey implementation, data analysis and data visualization skills at the intersection of higher education and public service.

The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) is a nonprofit association in Washington DC, dedicated to ensuring excellence in public service education and promoting the ideal of public service. We are a membership association of over 300 graduate education programs in public administration, public policy, and public affairs located across the US and around the globe. NASPAA is also the accreditor of master’s degree programs in these fields.

NASPAA is seeking a master’s student in fields such as public policy, public administration, education, or similar for an internship position for approximately 12 weeks during Summer 2019, starting in May or early June. Students in master’s programs in related fields, including data science, are also encouraged to apply.

Primary responsibilities are expected to include:

- Working on the NASPAA “Threshold Project”, to build a NASPAA-driven recognition system for graduate MPA/MPP programs in each of four key areas: Sustainability, Inclusivity, Civic Engagement, and Globalization.
- Creating the annual accreditation data report, NASPAA’s public resource on school data and trends. Candidate will be expected to analyze and present data effectively, resulting in a final report. Previous reports can be viewed here: https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation/data-accredited-programs
- Working with the Data Center Director to collect & analyze NASPAA member data as needed. This may include analyzing Admissions Survey data & presenting at the Admission’s Directors Meeting in July.

Additional projects depending on the applicant’s experience and interests could include: advancing communications on the value of NASPAA and accreditation, creating short one-page data briefs, following up with non-responders, creating infographics and other means of disseminating NASPAA data. The individual selected for this position will assist the NASPAA staff in supporting and enhancing programs and services for the association’s members; he or she will work directly with senior staff who will provide direction and supervision.

The intern/project assistant position will pay $15-18 per hour, depending on experience and student status, and will be full time (30-35 hrs/week). Fellowship arrangements for doctoral candidates will be considered.

QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants should have:

- Excellent quantitative and qualitative analysis skills, including cleaning data, identifying themes, drawing appropriate conclusions, and communicating data in a compelling manner.
- Completed the equivalent of at least one semester of a master’s or doctoral program in public policy, public administration, education, or a related field.
• Strong writing skills, especially in presenting analysis and messages for public consumption.
• Strong facility with Microsoft Excel.
• An interest in public service education, higher education, and/or program evaluation.
• An understanding of the subject matter and values orientation of public affairs education and practice.
• A desire to work in a non-profit and academic-oriented setting and confidence in dealing with academics and government professionals.
• Academic coursework in program evaluation is a plus.

NASPAA is located in downtown Washington, one block from the McPherson Square Metro station and four blocks from the White House.

Application Deadline
The deadline is rolling. We will start considering applications immediately, but applications will be accepted until filled. The posting on publicservicecareers.org will be removed once the position is filled—otherwise potential applicants should assume the position is still open. This internship is a time-limited position and does not include benefits. International students may apply if they possess a visa that permits them to work in the US during summer 2019. NASPAA is an equal opportunity employer.

Application Process
Please e-mail your letter of interest and resume to projectassistant1@naspaa.org, using the subject line “Application for Summer Policy Internship”. A list of references will be required from candidates selected as finalists.

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