

## **Washington Spring Program Internship #12**

### **Association of American Universities (AAU)**

Dear Springies,

If you are interested in education issues especially as it relates to science programs in higher education, this may be the one for you. We have a Davis student here for the first time this quarter and she is loving it—very substantive internship. Please submit your resume, a letter of interest, and a writing sample directly to [lajauna\\_smouse@aau.edu](mailto:lajauna_smouse@aau.edu). Please copy me on the email. Thanks. – sl

The Association of American Universities (AAU) would like to place two interns for the winter/spring session. We have had interns from American University, Vanderbilt, Texas A&M, Syracuse, Pennsylvania State, and the University of California, Berkeley. Our experience with interns has been very positive and we are looking forward to our winter/spring session.

Attached is a description of our intern program, with a list of activities that students will be engaged in at AAU. Our goal is to provide students with a solid understanding of the association's federal relations, public affairs and policy studies activities (dependent on their area of interest); engaging them in research and analysis and having them participate in hearings and AAU meetings. We will work with students to ensure their Washington experience gives them real work experience in Washington, DC. and to match their interests with our current projects.

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## AAU Internship Opportunity

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Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Yale University

The Association of American Universities (AAU) has two unpaid internship opportunities available for the 2008 winter/spring session. The focus of the internships will be on science and higher education policy.

AAU is an organization of the 60 leading research universities in the United States and two Canadian universities. Founded in 1900, AAU is one of the most respected higher education associations in Washington, DC. The major activities of the AAU are federal government relations, policy studies, and public affairs—all devoted to maintaining a strong federal investment in university-based research and education.

Specific activities that AAU interns will be engaged in will include:

- Completing one or two major substantive projects relating to science and/or higher education policy. These projects will vary depending upon the intern's skills and specific interests and the various needs of the AAU office staff at the time;
- Attending and reporting on congressional hearings and meetings pertaining to the higher education and scientific communities;
- Tracking legislation and congressional committee hearings and schedules;
- Drafting congressional correspondence, briefing papers, and other written materials;
- Conducting research and analysis using the web relating to science and higher education policy;
- Shadowing AAU federal relations staff in their daily activities and assisting them as deemed appropriate — to gain exposure to the work of Congress, other higher education and scientific associations, university government relations representatives, the executive branch and federal agencies.
- Making frequent trips to Capitol Hill to obtain copies of congressional bills and report language, as well as committee reports and hearing testimony;

AAU is confident that all of these responsibilities will provide students with a solid understanding of the association's federal relations activities and help them gain practical and real world work experience in Washington, DC. For additional information or if you have specific questions about the AAU internship, please contact Lajauna Smouse at [Lajauna\\_smouse@aau.edu](mailto:Lajauna_smouse@aau.edu) or 202-408-7500.