

Internship Opportunity

National Head Start Association

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) is a private not-for-profit membership organization dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families. It represents more than 900,000 children, 200,000 staff, and 2,700 Head Start programs in the United States. Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. More than 25 million pre-school aged children have benefited from Head Start.

Description of the Research Internship

The NHSA Research and Evaluation Department is seeking a passionate, competent, and reliable Research Intern. Past Research Interns have had the opportunity to work on the following:

- Draft articles for NHSA newsletters, such as *NHSA News* and the *Legislative Update*.
- Perform research and literature reviews by using the Internet and other means.
- Attend and report on research-related events, such as congressional hearings on Capitol Hill and research-related press conferences or events.
- Learn about early childhood assessments.
- Assist staff with their survey research projects.
- Maintain library of reports and journal articles on Head Start and Head Start-related topics.

Qualifications

Basic qualifications consist of the following:

- The Research Intern should be an undergraduate or graduate major in Political Science, Psychology, Family Studies, Sociology, Child Development, Public Administration, or Public Policy.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work well with others.

Compensation

The internship is unpaid, but NHSA provides partial metro reimbursement.

How to Apply

Please send a resume, a cover letter, and a writing sample (no more than 3 pages) to ballen@nhsa.org. NHSA is an equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply.