Prevention Advocacy Fall 2020 Intern Announcement

AIDS Foundation Chicago (AFC) is seeking a creative and motivated individual to intern in its Prevention Advocacy Department for positions this Fall. This is an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience while working at an active, upbeat non-profit. It is likely this internship will be partially or completely virtual, depending on public health guidance.

The Prevention Advocacy Intern will work directly with the program team on a wide range of projects related to PrEP awareness and uptake in Chicago, including trainings, community mobilization and social marketing. The Prevention Advocacy intern will also have the opportunity to learn about HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy, and other issues related to AFC’s mission.

This person will work closely with the Senior Director of Prevention Advocacy and Gay Men’s Health and a number of other staff at AFC and will engage in significant community work with AFC’s many partners and allies.

This internship is designed to be both educational and practical. In this position, the intern will learn how to take skills acquired in the educational setting and apply them in professional and various community settings. The intern will gain a better understanding of the role that PrEP for HIV prevention plays in the Chicago epidemic, and be better prepared to work in the field of HIV/AIDS, public health, communications, and public policy.

The Prevention Advocacy Intern will learn:

- What PrEP is, how it works, and why it’s important;
- How PrEP is being deployed in Chicago, including opportunities and challenges;
- How to mobilize vulnerable communities to improve PrEP awareness and uptake with hands-on experiences;
- How to work with a variety of community-based providers, organizations, and institutions to improve PrEP provision;
- What is happening in the research and development pipeline for new PrEP formulations (such as long acting injections and vaginal rings);
- How to advocate for HIV prevention research that is participatory, community-led, and focuses on community needs.
Qualifications:

- Current or recent enrollment in a graduate or undergraduate degree program with an interest and aptitude to work in HIV prevention;
- A strong interest in sexual health and wellness;
- Interest in learning about PrEP and new modes of HIV prevention;
- A strong connection to racial and social justice and health equity;
- Highly motivated, and able to work independently, and to also work in a collaborative environment;
- Actively curious;
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills;
- Enjoy working with the public in community settings;
- Enjoy working with people of varied backgrounds and experiences, particularly communities who are most impacted by HIV, such as black and Latinx gay men, black and Latinx transgender individuals, and black cisgender women;
- Comfortable with connecting over multiple virtual platforms, including Zoom and Skype;
- Must be flexible and open to new opportunities to engage a variety of stakeholders.

This internship provides a monthly stipend. The intern will receive necessary training and staff supervision. AFC requires interns to participate for a minimum of 15 hours/week for a minimum of 8 weeks, though longer internships are highly preferred. Special attention will be paid to applicants who can make a time commitment of longer than 8 weeks. Public Health majors, people of color, and LGBTQ folks are especially encouraged to apply.

All candidates must submit a cover letter and resume, completed application form, which can be found at: [www.aidschicago.org/internapplication](http://www.aidschicago.org/internapplication) and a writing sample (500 to 750 words is appropriate).

Please submit all application materials to:

Email (preferred): Interns@aidschicago.org
Mail: AFC Intern Program, 200 W Monroe St, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60606