

Advocacy and Communications Interns/Field Practicum

**The AARP New Jersey Office in Princeton, NJ
has openings for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012**

Advocacy interns receive superb education on a range of state and federal issues, as well as hands-on experience interacting with the New Jersey Legislature and Congressional delegation.

Communications interns gain vital experience in external communications and media relations. As part of the State Office team, all interns are exposed to real-world applications of the policy tradeoffs and political considerations examined in academic contexts.

As an intern, you will play a vital role in the development of advocacy, media and outreach campaigns, while greatly expanding your real-world knowledge and experience. You will learn how the nation's largest non-profit organization, dedicated to enriching the lives of older Americans, develops and conveys its message to public officials, opinion leaders, and 38 million members.

Here's what recent interns are saying!

"My advocacy internship at AARP has been incredibly involved and hands-on."

- Archan, McGill University

"This internship was one of the best learning experiences and certainly the most beneficial to my career".

- Jessica, College of New Jersey

"AARP focuses on giving its interns a valuable learning opportunity. This means that as an intern, I spent my time engaged in upper level work that contributed significantly to AARP's advocacy efforts."

- Kevin, University of Michigan

"The staff gave me real responsibilities and genuinely solicited my input on projects to improve the quality of life of seniors across the state."

- Matthew, Rutgers University

"This internship gave me enough experience so that I'll walk into my next job interview with confidence."

- Jessica, University of Michigan



APPLY **TODAY** FOR AN AARP NEW JERSEY INTERNSHIP

Requirements:

- ❖ Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.
- ❖ Able to work a minimum of 14 hours per week.
- ❖ Excellent communication, organizational, writing, and computer skills
- ❖ Ability to work independently and collaboratively; exercise initiative.

Responsibilities include:

- ❖ Engaging in legislative and/or communications activities;
- ❖ Monitoring Statehouse hearings;
- ❖ Interacting with state and federal officials;
- ❖ Conducting policy research;
- ❖ Planning and implementing grassroots tactics, media outreach, and legislative advocacy campaigns;
- ❖ Assisting with important non-partisan election forums.

A small daily stipend is provided.

Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to Douglas Johnston, djohnston@aarp.org. Please indicate your hour/week commitment.

