



Join Our Team: Public Policy & Advocacy Internship

Are you passionate about mental health advocacy and public policy? The Alliance for Rights and Recovery is seeking motivated interns to join our Public Policy & Advocacy Internship Program! This is a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in mental health policy, legislative advocacy, and community engagement while working with a national nonprofit dedicated to social justice and disability rights.

Why Join Us?

Make an Impact: Contribute to meaningful policy changes in mental health and disability rights.

Gain Hands-On Experience: Engage in research, advocacy campaigns, and legislative outreach.

Develop Key Skills: Enhance your policy analysis, communication, and public engagement skills.

Networking Opportunities: Connect with policymakers, advocacy organizations, and nonprofit leaders.

Professional Development: Receive mentorship, training, and career guidance from experienced professionals.

Internship Details

Location: Albany, NY

Duration: 8 weeks (full-time), 6/9/2025-8/1/2025

Responsibilities:

- Conduct research on mental health policies and legislation.
- Assist in advocacy campaigns and community engagement efforts.
- Write policy briefs, advocacy letters, and social media content.
- Participate in grassroots organizing and legislative outreach.
- Support event planning for advocacy forums, webinars, and rallies.

Who Should Apply?

Students or recent graduates in public health, public policy, law, communications, or related fields.

Strong communicators with research and analytical skills.

Passionate about mental health advocacy and social justice.

Organized, detail-oriented, and comfortable working in a fast-paced environment.



Application Process

Submission Requirements: Cover letter, resume, application, short essay (see application for essay topics)

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: April 17, 2025

Interviews: April 24-30, 2025

Notification of Selection: May 7, 2025

How to Apply:

Send your application materials to nicoler@rightsandrecovery.org with the subject line: Public Policy & Advocacy Internship Application – [Your Name].

Join us in making a difference in mental health advocacy—apply today!



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Internship Application Form
The Alliance for Rights and Recovery

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Internship Details

Position Applying For: _____

Preferred Start Date: _____

Preferred End Date: _____

Availability (Days/Hours per Week): _____

Are you applying for academic credit? Yes No

If yes, name of school and program: _____

Education

Current School/University: _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student Other: _____

Experience & Skills (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Relevant Coursework or Experience: _____

Skills (e.g., research, communication, advocacy, event planning): _____

Are you proficient in any languages other than English? Yes No

If yes, which language(s)? _____

Short Answer Questions (Attach additional pages as necessary)

1. Why are you interested in interning with The Alliance for Rights and Recovery?

2. What do you hope to gain from this internship experience?

3. How does this internship align with your career goals?



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Essay Topics

Respond to one of the following essay prompts in no more than 500 words.

#1 Advancing Social Justice Through Policy

Mental health advocacy is deeply connected to social justice and disability rights. Choose a specific mental health disparity or inequity and discuss how public policy can be used to address it.

#2 Grassroots Advocacy and Community Engagement

Describe a time when you engaged in advocacy or worked with a community on a social justice issue. What strategies did you use to mobilize support, and what challenges did you encounter?

#3 Legislative Advocacy in Action

Imagine you are preparing to meet with a policymaker to advocate for a specific mental health reform. What issue would you prioritize, and how would you build a compelling case for change?

References

Reference 1

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Agreement & Signature

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that acceptance into the internship program is contingent upon review and approval.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to NicoleR@rightsandrecovery.org along with your cover letter, resume, and essay to apply.