



## Cancer Policy Internship Program

### Internship Description

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**Background & Purpose** Meaningful scientific discoveries in cancer-relevant research ultimately require implementation for optimal societal benefit. Health care policy at the Federal level is a critical tool associated with implementation science as well. The goal of this program is to provide an immersive experience for graduate and professional students to better understand the processes associated with health policy. Partnership between the UF Health Cancer Center (UFHCC), and the UF Office of Federal Relations is leveraged to develop this program.

**Internship Description** Working with the University's Federal Relations office in Washington, DC, Intern(s) focus primarily on legislative support related to health policy and gain unique exposure to the inner workings of the US Government in the advancement of the University's education and research missions.

We are offering one internship focused on cancer health policy. Intern(s) are responsible for assisting the UFHCC leadership with identifying, monitoring, and reporting on issues of importance to the University of Florida, assisting with UF faculty and administrator visits (in person or virtual) to Washington, DC and supporting special projects and events. Intern(s) also track legislative activity, attend hearings, draft hearing reports and legislative updates, and attend higher education and coalition meetings.

Intern(s) are expected to complete a primary project and support the continuation or completion of secondary projects. They participate in regular calls and/or video conferences with their academic mentor/team, demonstrate effective legislative support related to the Director's agenda, and present a policy brief from the primary project at the completion of their internship.

This internship is an integral and important part of the team charged with proactively supporting the University of Florida's agenda on a national level and in ensuring UF is a leading expert voice on important issues. As representatives of UF, Interns are expected to conduct themselves respectfully at all times in a manner consistent with the UF Student Code of Conduct.

**Qualifications** This internship is open to any actively-enrolled UF degree-seeking graduate or professional student in good standing, with a demonstrated interest in cancer health policy. It is essential that applicants to this position have excellent written and verbal communications skills and strong interpersonal skills. Successful candidates will be energetic team players as well as self-starters and able to juggle multiple responsibilities simultaneously. Proficiency in MS Office (MS Excel and MS PowerPoint), basic social media and a valid U.S. government issued picture ID is required.

**Internship Dates** UF Spring 2023 Semester: January 9 – April 26, 2023. Intern(s) will travel to DC at the beginning of January.

**Credits** 9 credit hours through required enrollment in GMS 6905 Independent Studies or a similar course.

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