About
Established by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), the Osteopathic Health Policy Internship (OHPI) Program, part of the association’s Leadership Institute, enables osteopathic medical students to spend two consecutive months in Washington, DC at AACOM’s Office of Government Relations. Interns gain firsthand experience working at the national level on federal health care and higher education policy issues and learn how to have a foundational impact on public policy formulation.

More Information
Location: Washington, DC
Expenses Paid: Stipend, housing, office support
Learn About: Federal health care and higher education policy development, analysis, and implementation
Meet Experts From: The U.S. Department of Education, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

OHPI Program Details
Program Requirements:
• Cover key hearings and briefings on Capitol Hill
• Attend important meetings at federal agencies; federal bodies and advisory councils; and conferences and coalition meetings
• Conduct research and increase understanding of federal health care and higher education policy topics that impact osteopathic medical education
• Present on an advocacy topic as determined and finalized with AACOM’s Office of Government Relations

Application Materials:
• A letter expressing your interest in the OHPI Program
• A brief paper outlining an area of health policy or higher education policy interest
• Your curriculum vitae
• At least three letters of recommendation

How to Apply:
Submit all application materials electronically to Alexandra Tran, Policy and Regulatory Analyst, at atran@aacom.org.

For more information, visit: www.aacom.org/institute/osteopathic-health-policy-internship

Shawn Hamm, DO, MPH, 2018
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

“I would highly recommend the internship as a unique opportunity during your third- or fourth-year clerkship rotations for exposure to advocacy, research, and professional growth in a way unlike any other experience in medical school.”

Nicole Lighthouse, OMS-IV, 2019
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Serving with AACOM has been one of the greatest honors I have ever experienced.”