



API EQUALITY-LA
Asians and Pacific Islanders for LGBT Equality

APPLY FOR APIEQUALITY-LA'S HEALTH JUSTICE ORGANIZING INTERNSHIP!

Apply to API Equality-LA's **Health Justice Organizing Internship**



Do you care deeply about the health disparities in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities? Are you or someone you know facing significant barriers to accessing affordable health insurance? Want to work with and within your communities to create positive change? **Here's your chance.**

APIs and LGBT people have faced significant barriers to accessing quality and affordable health care, with both communities disproportionately uninsured due to lack of access, education, and discrimination. Even with the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA), undocumented people continue to face major barriers to receiving timely health services. Work closely with API Equality-LA's Youth Leadership Council to bring more attention to this issue and change it for the better!

API Equality-LA's Health Justice Organizing Internship will train API young people to community organize and build power with and within the API and LGBT communities for healthcare access and equity. This on-the-ground and in-the-community internship lasts 10 weeks, **Monday, June 15, 2015 – Friday, August 21, 2015**, and will focus on providing interns the opportunity, skills, and knowledge to bridge the healthcare gap and work directly in historically underserved and marginalized communities. Learn to engage, educate, and empower our communities.

About this Internship:

API Equality-LA is a Los Angeles based civil rights organization that organizes in the API community for LGBT equality. API Equality-LA's Health Justice Organizing Internship:

- Open to anyone ages 18 to 24 who is passionate about educating and organizing the API community
- Lasts 10 weeks from beginning **Monday, January 13, 2014 – Thursday, March 20, 2014**
- Requires a commitment of at least 10 hours/week
- Will be based at API Equality-LA's office in the Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, located at 1137 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017
- Can possibly earn academic credit, depending on the institution
- Awards a \$500 scholarship upon satisfactory completion of program

Responsibilities

1. Provides support to API Equality-LA's Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and ongoing civic engagement work around health care
2. Attend YLC meetings and other committee meetings as assigned
3. Must be available on the following dates for trainings:
 - **Monday, June 15**
 - **Monday, June 22**
 - **Monday, June 29**
 - **Monday, July 6**

All trainings are scheduled from **4PM – 8PM** and times may change

4. Utilize social media and the organization website to advance LGBT rights, including health care advocacy
5. Craft specific strategies that includes registering API students at organizations/events/ classes and campus events for ACA
6. Outreach to the API community at cultural festivals and parades to address the health care needs of the API community and to increase access to affordable and quality health care
7. Speak to and build coalitions with communities youth (including students), and community-based organizations
8. Develop and plan events to raise funds for the organization
9. Participate in weekly meetings with staff and other interns

Note that these responsibilities may change based on organizational priorities

Qualifications

1. Must be between the ages of 18 and 24
2. Commitment to a broad and inclusive social justice movement
3. Desire to work with diverse communities and organizations
4. Strong organizational skills
5. Good oral and written communication skills
6. Good people skills
7. Demonstrated interest in advocacy and public policy
8. Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with coalitions/allies

Preferences

1. Knowledge of and experience in API and LGBT history, community, and culture
2. Connections to college campus student organizations
3. Demonstrated leadership experience
4. Knowledge of or contacts in API and LGBT on-campus organizations as well as API and LGBT off-campus youth organizations

Questions or to Apply

Please email resume and cover letter that includes availability and two references to Kimler Gutierrez at kimler@apiequalityla.org.

Application is due by Friday, May 29, 2015.