



ASAT Real Science, Real Hope

ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE IN AUTISM TREATMENT

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals with autism and their families are entitled to a clear path to effective intervention. The Association for Science in Autism Treatment (www.asatonline.org) serves the autism community by promoting safe, effective, science-based intervention for people with autism. While we share accurate, timely, and useful information and advocate for the use of science to guide treatment, we also combat unsubstantiated, inaccurate and false information about autism and its treatment.

If you are interested in a more extensive and structured experience and have an interest in areas such as psychology, applied behavior analysis, special education, speech pathology, social work, communications, or another related discipline, please consider a 150-hour Externship with ASAT (at least a one year commitment). A typical month includes approximately 7-10 hours of direct Extern work, though this is flexible given the specific projects that are work on at any given time. We can work around your school and work schedules. Externship activities include the following:

- Proofreading content of our monthly publication, *Science in Autism Treatment*;
- Actively participating in social media and learning about its use to convey information to the autism community;
- Potentially writing for *Science in Autism Treatment* or for our website;
- Learning how to critically evaluate published research by reading published articles and discussing the main ideas
- Learning about nonprofit grant writing and participating in all aspects of the process starting with grant research and selection and culminating in actual submission;
- Learning how to evaluate and critique media representations of autism treatment;
- Learning about fundraising development and execution both at the local and national levels;
- Learning about autism services in other parts of the world and engaging in efforts to promote dissemination and awareness of science-based treatments;
- Working alongside board members in an array of writing, editing, and fundraising activities;
- Participating in Extern conference calls to share ideas, provide updates on externship activities, and discuss seminal articles. These calls are conducted over the phone approximately every three weeks and are scheduled at times that do not interfere with the daily professional responsibilities. Externs have outside of ASAT (Mondays, 9PM EST); and
- Working toward the completion of three individualized goals (mutually agreed upon by the Extern and ASAT)

Here's what some of our externs had to say about their externship experiences:

"The Externship has been a valuable professional experience that has helped me to develop a variety of professional skills while also contributing in a meaningful way to the dissemination of quality information on science-based autism treatment." ~ Liz Callahan (Hoboken, NJ)

"Working with ASAT has been a great experience. I've had the opportunity to use my strengths and build upon them by writing in the newsletter, learning about the grant application process, and collaborating with other team members. Most of all, my experience has enhanced my skepticism and ability to look for the facts." ~ Alice Walkup (Los Angeles, California)

"Joining ASAT's externship program has given me the opportunity to disseminate science-based treatment for autism, work with wonderful professionals in the field, and build my professional experience. Being a part of a team that cares deeply enough to spend their free time advocating for individuals with autism has been empowering, and I've learned so many new skills that I'll be able to use going forward in my career." ~ Allison Parker (Summit, NJ)

If you are interested in applying to the Externship Program, please visit: <https://asatonline.org/externship/> or write Dr. David Celiberti, Executive Director at dceliberti@asatonline.org

We look forward to hearing from you!