



The Bazelon Center is seeking a talented student, who is committed to social justice and interested in promoting and protecting the rights of adults and children with mental illnesses, for a Spring semester policy and communications internship.

The Bazelon Center is a legal advocacy organization working to protect and advance the civil rights of adults and children with mental illness or developmental disabilities. We envision a society where Americans with mental disabilities live with autonomy, dignity, and opportunity in welcoming communities, supported by law, policy, and practices that help them reach their full potential. The Bazelon Center's staff engage in advocacy in Congress and at federal agencies, and provide education and training on the rights of people with mental illnesses. The intern will obtain hands-on experience with the Bazelon Center's policy efforts by conducting background research for fact sheets and policy papers and preparing analysis related to regulatory actions, legislation, and current events. The intern will also work with the Deputy Policy Director to create and execute the Bazelon Center's communications and social media strategy. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend Congressional briefings and hearings and meetings of national disability rights and civil rights coalitions.

Interns will receive extensive training in disability rights advocacy and regular supervision and feedback.

Qualifications:

Interns should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and strong communication and organizational skills. Completed course work in a civil rights subject matter, particularly disability rights or healthcare access, is preferred.

Salary and Hours:

All internships are unpaid, but the Bazelon Center is committed to working with students who apply for outside funding or school credit, and we encourage accepted applicants to seek out such opportunities. School-year interns are asked to work at least 20 hours per week for at least ten weeks.

Applications for spring positions are due by December 8.

To submit an application, please send the following materials via PDF attachment to bethanyl@bazelon.org, subject line: Internship application of (your name):

- (1) a cover letter describing your interest in working with the Center, the dates you are available, and what experiences you are hoping to have as an intern;
- (2) a resume; and
- (3) an unofficial transcript.

The Bazelon Center is an Equal Opportunity employer. People with disabilities, people who are members of minority groups, women, and veterans are encouraged to apply.