



College Autism Network

ADVOCACY | RESEARCH | TRAINING

INTERNSHIP: WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

POSITION

The **Web Design and Development** Intern plays an integral role in the development of the College Autism Network's (CAN) online presence. Working with other members of the Media and Communication team (Graphic Design, Video Production, Social Media, and Public Relations), the Web Design and Development Intern will oversee CAN's websites. Building upon the visual and structural foundation of the current website, the intern will post new content and ensure effective maintenance of the main CAN website (CollegeAutismNetwork.org). The intern will also lead the design and development of a new website for CAN's newest initiative, the [CanDoCollege](#) project, a guide for student self-advocates loosely modeled after "Humans of New York."

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design the new *CanDoCollege* website
- Outline the organization and presentation of written narrative, photojournalism, and short videos
- Extend the structural framework and visual style from the main CollegeAutismNetwork.org website to produce a distinctive new *CanDoCollege* site
- Use the Divi builder (a drag-and-drop website production tool) to create/revise page templates to be populated with content generated by other members of the College Autism Network team
- Post new materials to websites as they become available
- Refine website to minimize page-load time and maximize search engine optimization (SEO)

QUALIFICATIONS (Preferred)

The ideal candidate is creative, well organized, tech savvy, and has an eye for detail.

- Current undergraduate, graduate student, or recent graduate majoring in graphic design, visual communications, computer programming, web development, or any other related area of study
- Experience working with WordPress, Divi Builder, CSS or related web development tools
- Examples of previous website production and/or ongoing maintenance
- Comfort working with undergraduates, graduate students, faculty members, and administrators
- Willingness to take independent initiative while fulfilling responsibilities as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively using a variety of tools
- Flexibility and organization to balance multiple tasks simultaneously

LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of this experience, the intern will:

- Grow their professional portfolio to advance career prospects
- Develop technological competency with multiple web-related programs and services
- Enhance and expand web design and development skills
- Build collaboration and communication skills
- Contribute to a rapidly growing entrepreneurial organization focused on social justice
- Gain an understanding of how a nonprofit organization operates

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COMPENSATION, CREDIT, AND WORK CONDITIONS

This volunteer position may be eligible for internship, independent study, and/or institution-specific (e.g., Garnet & Gold) academic credit. The position requires approximately 10 hours/week, has flexible hours, and can be completed remotely as needed. Initial appointment is for one semester, though we are especially eager to work with interns who foresee potential year-long involvement.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE AUTISM NETWORK

The College Autism Network (CAN) is a national nonprofit organization linking varied stakeholders engaged in evidence-based efforts to improve access, experiences, and outcomes for college students with autism. Learn more about the College Autism Network at www.CollegeAutismNetwork.org

GOALS OF THE COLLEGE AUTISM NETWORK

Student Well-Being: We want autistic students to feel confident that they have the personal qualities and institutional support necessary to succeed in college.

Educational Achievement: We want to maximize the likelihood that students with autism enter, persist, and graduate from college.

Institutional Responsiveness: We want educational institutions to be responsive to autistic students' specific needs, appreciate their distinct perspectives, and highlight the unique contributions these students can make to their institutions, fields of study, and society at large.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COLLEGE AUTISM NETWORK

Advocacy: We empower college students with autism by amplifying their voices within the academic community and by providing free access to materials designed to facilitate their successful transition into, through, and out of college.

Research: We facilitate research that uses qualitative and quantitative methods to examine the systemic, institutional, and personal conditions that shape college access, experiences, and outcomes for students on the autism spectrum.

Training: We conduct professional development workshops and distribute training materials to administrators, researchers, students, parents, and instructors.

TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION

All internship applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Please submit a resume and cover letter by email to info@CollegeAutismNetwork.org

In your cover letter, please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to work with the College Autism Network?
- In what ways could you make a distinctive contribution to the College Autism Network?

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