



CHAI Intern Program Overview

The Community Health Awareness Initiative (CHAI) internship is offered by the Victor Center at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. This innovative program aims to address the need for education regarding genetic diseases within campus and local communities. Interns play a pivotal role in advancing the Victor Center's mission of promoting genetic education, screening and counseling while developing essential leadership and professional skills. The CHAI Intern program equips young Jewish leaders with essential skills, fostering their ability to create impactful community programming, forge professional relationships, and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders.

Program Objectives:

- **Education & Community Engagement:** Interns will support the Victor Center's mission through structured activities, including educational campaigns, event coordination, and public health outreach.
- **Leadership Development:** Interns will gain practical experience in event planning, project management, and community programming.
- **Genetic Screening Awareness:** Interns will strengthen their understanding of genetic screening's role in public health and health equity.

Key Activities and expectations:

1. **Campus Outreach Events:** Interns will organize and host events such as:
 - **DNA & Donuts:** Informal sessions for students to learn about genetic screening.
 - **Paint Your Genes:** Artistic workshops connecting genetics to health and Jewish heritage.
 - **Blue Genes Shabbat:** Educational speaking events at Shabbat gatherings.
 - **Community Genetic Screening Event:** Formal programs offering genetic disorder testing.
2. **Capstone Project:** Interns will develop and execute a project aligned with their interests and the Victor Center's mission. Examples include creating event planning toolkits, designing social media campaigns, or producing educational resources.
3. **Community Representation:** Interns will act as ambassadors at health fairs, community events, and conferences.
4. **Weekly mentoring:** As a cohort, interns will meet weekly with the program leader for guidance, education, support, and mentoring.

Learning Benefits:

- Mentorship from executive healthcare leaders.
- Opportunities for genetic screening at no cost.
- Building connections with a cohort of CHAI interns.
- Developing sophisticated knowledge of genetic testing and public health.

Eligibility: The internship is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with leadership experience and knowledge of genetics and public health. Interns are expected to plan and execute multiple educational events and report progress through regular communication with the Victor Center team.

Time Commitment and Compensation: Time commitment may vary depending on event schedule but will likely range from 2-4 hours a week. Interns will receive a \$500 stipend, split into two installments and paid at the end of each semester.

Applications: Please apply using [this form](#). You may contact Debbie Wasserman at deborah.wasserman@nicklaushealth.org with any questions.