

Policy Research Intern

NAMI Minnesota's mission is to champion justice, dignity, and respect for all people affected by mental illness (biological brain disorders). Through education, advocacy, and support, we strive to eliminate the pervasive stigma of mental illness, affect positive changes in the mental health system, and increase the public and professional understanding of mental illness.

Advocacy efforts are a major part of NAMI Minnesota's work. NAMI Minnesota is an active participant on work groups and committees that address issues related to mental illness and NAMI Minnesota maintains a strong presence at the Minnesota Legislature by advocating and supporting issues important to people living with mental illness and their families. The **policy research intern** will assist the executive director by researching topics related to work groups, committees, and legislative goals.

Commitment: Ten Hours Per Week
Three Month Commitment

Responsibilities and Duties

- Research a topic related to NAMI Minnesota's work. These topics will be chosen closer to the time of the internship but could include truancy, day treatment, and criminal justice.
- Summarize research done for use at meetings.
- Attend meetings related to the topic and take the minutes.
- Record hours worked in the volunteer log.
- Participate in a mid-internship interview and complete a post-internship evaluation.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Some knowledge of or interest in mental illness and the work that NAMI Minnesota does.
- Excellent research skills and the ability to use the internet well.
- Good writing skills.
- A natural curiosity and a willingness to learn.
- Able to work independently and be self directed.
- Able to present a professional appearance when representing NAMI Minnesota in the community.
- Must be a NAMI Minnesota member or willing to join. Membership starts at \$3 (Open Door level).

Benefits

- Understand the legislative process by becoming an active participant.
- Work on legislation that, if passed, will change the lives of people living with mental illness and their families.
- Increase the public understanding of mental illness and NAMI Minnesota.
- Invitation to the annual volunteer appreciation party.

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