OCA DC Anti-APA Hate Policy & Advocacy Internship

OCA-DC, a chapter of OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates, is dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APA). Our goals are to advocate for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment; promote civic participation, education, and leadership; advance coalitions and community building; and foster cultural heritage. OCA-DC is seeking interns to support our work around the rise of anti-APA hate.

Term: Starting in Mid-May for 11 weeks
Status: Part time, 20 hours/week, 3 positions
Salary: $3,300 stipend

Position Summary: OCA-DC’s Anti-Hate Policy and Advocacy Interns will help coordinate OCA-DC’s efforts around advocacy around the rise of anti-APA hate incidents. The intern will research existing policies and legislations to develop strategies to advocate for hate crimes legislation to support documentation and response in the DMV as well as explore upstream solutions targeting root causes. The intern will help plan and coordinate the OCA-DC’s Anti-APA Hate Policy Summit planned for July 10, 2021. As part of the summit with legislators and community leaders, the intern will help draft policy solutions discussed during summit sessions and prepare for formal policy recommendations compiled in a report to be disseminated to key partners. Policy and Advocacy Interns will work with OCA-DC to follow-up with key partners post-summit to advocate for implementing the proposed solutions. The interns will be responsible for forming community partnerships and outreach to the larger community within and beyond the APA community. This includes developing and implementing programming for community members around anti-APA hate. Outreach will also include providing bystander training across diverse communities, and social media and communications campaigns.

Roles and Responsibilities:
- Review existing policies and gaps and at the Federal and local levels in the DMV on anti-APA hate
- Review existing data at the Federal level and DMV on anti-APA hate
- Planning programming including keynote panels for OCA-DC’s Policy Summit on Anti-APA hate and programming for the community
- Coordinate OCA-DC’s Anti-APA Hate Policy Summit including inviting high level policy-makers and stakeholders to plan individual sessions around a variety of policy themes
- Draft policy solutions formulated in the summit into a formal report on anti-APA hate response at the federal level as well as local levels in the DMV
- Work with key partners to advocate for policy solutions to ultimately reduce anti-APA hate
- Build coalitions with community partners around anti-AAPI hate including with emphasis on most vulnerable groups including the elderly, those with limited English proficiency, and women
- Conduct bystander trainings with OCA National’s Situational Awareness Workshop
- Coordinate social media and communications campaign around anti-AAPI hate as well as support technological needs of programming
- Must be able to attend the virtual OCA-DC Policy Summit on Anti-APA Hate Saturday July 10
Desired Knowledge Skills:
- Knowledge of and passion for APA community issues including anti-APA hate
- Strong leadership and communication skills
- Background and interest in policy and advocacy including policy writing skills
- Strong ability to navigate multiple technology platforms for communications
- Highly organized and reliable

Please send a Cover Letter and Resume/CV to: president@oca-dc.org

Internship Sponsor: Westfield Corporation and OCA-DC