

**Field:** Medicine  
**Name:** Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA)  
**Location:** Mumbai, India  
**Name of Positions:** Diagnostics Intern  
Tobacco Control and Cessation Intern  
Rehabilitation Centre Intern

**Brief Description of Organization:**

CPAA was started in 1969 mainly to provide financial assistance to needy cancer patients. Over the last thirty years the organization has expanded its mission to address the root cause of the exponential increase in cancer cases in India, namely that of lack of knowledge and information. CPAA does not treat cancer but complements the work being done by medical practitioners and hospitals, concentrating on education and awareness, early detection, insurance, support to treatment, guidance and counseling and rehabilitation or "Total Management of Cancer". This includes:

- Spreading awareness on the dangers inherent in accepted social practices such as chewing of tobacco, early marriage and multiple pregnancies, which are responsible for approximately 70% of cancers in India.
- Initiating steps for the early detection of cancer since treatment at this stage leads to a cure in a majority of cases.
- Providing complete assistance to cancer patients beyond that given by the medical profession that is, taking a holistic approach not attacking the malignancy in isolation.

**Information specific to each internship:**

**Primary Responsibilities**

**Diagnostics Intern** – some understanding of epidemiology, statistics, public health preferred

1. Support CPAA's early detection program and determine feedback on effectiveness of the program
2. Study available demographic data from screening from 1987 for close to 250,000 persons to understand trends

**Tobacco Control and Cessation Intern** – public health background preferred

1. Support CPAA's Tobacco Control and Cessation program and determine understanding of how to motivate young adults on anti-smoking issues
2. Develop a campaign to motivate college going children to quit smoking or not to start

**Rehabilitation Centre Intern** - art, design and exposure to internet marketing background preferred

1. Develop a catalogue of Rehabilitation Centre products with the view to marketing and sale on the internet
2. Raise awareness about CPAA's Rehab department and promote sale to a wider audience

**Details/what the organization will provide to students:**

Desired start date is flexible based on student schedule for 8-12 weeks in Summer 2012. All projects can be conducted in English.

**Stipend:**

CPAA will cover cost of stay for the interns at a nearby YMCA and further scholarship of Rs. 5000/- per month will be provided.

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