

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) offers paid summer internships to students interested in gaining hands-on policy experience in a Federal government office in the areas of biosecurity, gene transfer, genetic technologies, and clinical research policy.

OBA is located in the Office of Science Policy in the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health. The office has a pivotal role in promoting the science, safety, and ethics of biotechnology through the advancement of knowledge, enhancement of public understanding, and development of sound public policies.

OBA has four main programs:

- **Biosecurity in Life Science Research:** OBA is responsible for managing the [National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity](#) (NSABB). NSABB provides advice to federal departments and agencies on ways to minimize the possibility that knowledge and technologies emanating from vitally important biological research will be misused to threaten public health or national security.
- **Gene Transfer and Recombinant DNA:** OBA is responsible for overseeing implementation of the *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules* and managing the [NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee](#) (RAC). The RAC provides advice to NIH on the conduct and oversight of recombinant DNA research.
- **Genetic Technologies:** OBA is responsible for managing the [Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society](#) (SACGHS). SACGHS provides advice to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the medical, scientific, ethical, legal and social issues raised by the development and use, as well as potential misuse, of genetic technologies.
- **Clinical Research Policy:** The [Clinical Research Policy Analysis and Coordination \(CRpac\) Program](#) develops and implements coordinated policies and practices on the conduct and oversight of clinical research. These activities touch on such issues as information technology, research ethics, informed consent in research, and clinical trial design.

**To apply for a summer internship, please visit <http://www.training.nih.gov/student/sip/>.
Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2009.**

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