

# Internship and Externship Opportunities With Project HEAL at Kennedy Krieger Institute

Since 2008, Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law), a community-based program of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute, has partnered with local colleges and universities to provide meaningful internship and externship opportunities for their highest-achieving students. An internship or externship with Project HEAL is a unique opportunity to be part of an innovative public interest legal project helping underserved populations.

Project HEAL provides advocacy and civil legal services for Kennedy Krieger patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. An attorney from Project HEAL acts as a member of the treatment team, working with families and Kennedy Krieger staff members and trainees to ensure that patients receive the medical, legal and educational assistance they need. Project HEAL provides legal representation for patients and families throughout Maryland in matters of special education, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and adult guardianship and less restrictive alternatives. Project HEAL attorneys also offer limited representation, case consultations, and professional and community trainings.

## **Trainee responsibilities include:**

- Conducting legal research and drafting memoranda
- Conducting client intakes and interviews
- Drafting complaints to the Maryland State Department of Education for alleged violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004)

- Drafting presentations and training materials for Kennedy Krieger staff members and trainees
- Inputting data into Apricot, an online data management system
- Attending task force and coalition meetings on a monthly basis
- Attending bimonthly Maryland Special Education Lawyers (MDSEL) meetings.

Mallory Legg, Esq., director of Project HEAL, supervises the trainees in collaboration with Project HEAL staff members. The office location is 716 North Broadway, Office 106, Baltimore, MD 21205. The location is accessible by Metro SubwayLink, Johns Hopkins Medicine shuttle services, and the Gold, Brown and Pink CityLink buses. Free parking is available to trainees. Stipends may be obtained through local colleges and universities.

If accepted, trainees must provide proof of health insurance and immunization records, including COVID-19 and flu vaccines. Trainees may be required to complete blood work checking immunity as part of the health screening. After bloodwork results are reviewed, trainees may be required to receive additional vaccinations provided free of charge by Employee Health.

For more information about internships and externships at Project HEAL, including application requirements and timelines, please contact Mallory Legg, Esq. at [ProjectHEAL@KennedyKrieger.org](mailto:ProjectHEAL@KennedyKrieger.org) or visit: [KennedyKrieger.org/PH-Trainees](http://KennedyKrieger.org/PH-Trainees)

