

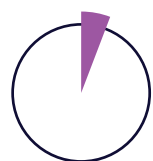
Summer Internship Program

Experiences of Alumni, Mentors, and Supervisors

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is a national cross-disability organization that advocates for the rights of 70+ million Americans with disabilities. Since 2002, AAPD has hosted the Summer Internship Program that focuses on providing a professional and career development opportunity for disabled students and recent graduates to access meaningful employment, gain leadership skills, and connect to the broader disability community.

Internship Alumni Demographics

Disability Type



Hearing
5.8%



Vision
23.5%



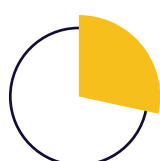
Cognitive
38.2%



Self-care
21.5%

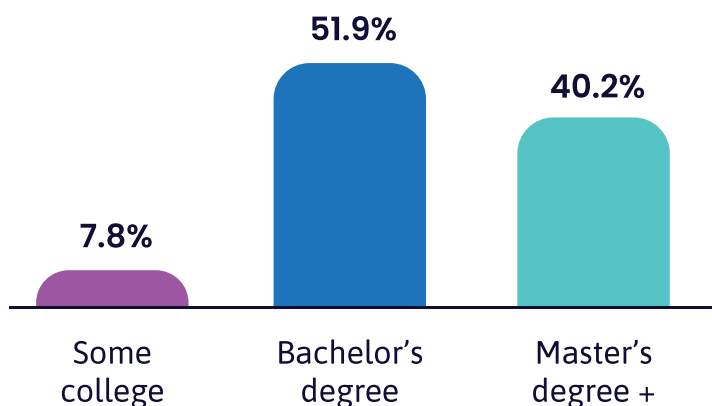


Ambulatory
37.3%



Independent living
28.4%

Education Level



Where Interns Worked



Congressional office: 30%

Federal agency: 26%

Nonprofit organization: 24%

Private company: 6%

Did not respond: 7%

Other: 7%

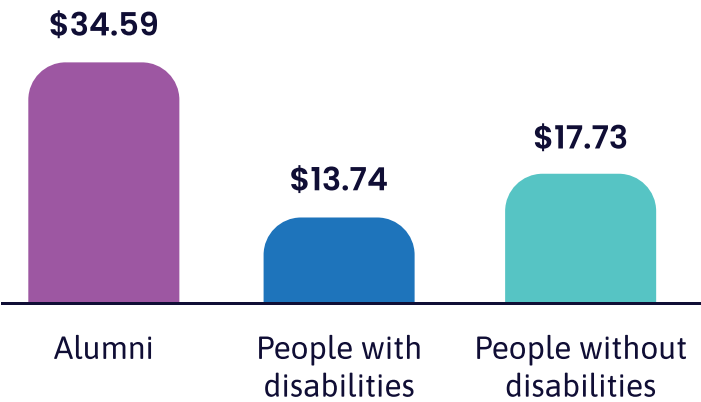


Internship Alumni Employment Outcomes

Employment Status of Summer Internship Program Alumni



Alumni Hourly Wage vs National Averages



Sectors Where Alumni Work



Internship Mentors and Placement Supervisors

Benefits to Mentor Participation



Effects of Internship on Placement Sites

Percent of supervisors who strongly agreed or agreed



Note: Data is from respondents of the Summer Internship Program; not all who participated responded. Alumni data is from 2022. Employment data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022. Hourly wage is Third Sight authors' calculation from U.S. Census Bureau, 2020.