The Division of Medical Ethics at NYU Grossman School of Medicine offers two paid internship programs to provide undergraduate scholars who have historically had low representation in bioethics with an immersive experience in the field. We seek interns who have not necessarily had classroom or workplace experience in bioethics but who have related interests and a desire to conduct academic research. Applicants can apply to one or both programs.

**Pediatric Gene Therapy and Medical Ethics (PGTME) Internship**

**PGTME Mission**
The mission of the Working Group on Pediatric Gene Therapy and Medical Ethics (PGTME) is to advance research, policy, and education regarding ethical issues surrounding gene therapy trials. We seek to promote improved understanding of challenges and nascent best practices for ethical research across the evolving landscape of genetic technologies.

**PGTME Internship Mission**
PGTME aims to foster a comfortable and educational environment for interns to learn from a variety of stakeholders about current issues in pediatric gene therapy and clinical trial research. We give interns real-world experience with collaborative work and problem-solving and research in the field. Interns are encouraged to hear from all members of the team as well as develop their own research interests throughout the duration of the internship.

To learn more about this internship, contact Cara Hunt at Cara.Hunt@nyulangone.org.

**Responsibilities:**
- Assist PGTME’s project manager on a mix of research and administrative tasks
- Keep the team informed about new developments in gene therapy
- Assist with planning and recording monthly meetings
- Assist PGTME members with research or administrative projects
- Contribute to PGTME communications efforts, including by promoting events and implementing PGTME’s broader media strategy

**Opportunities:**
- Participate in a paid internship where undergraduate students will learn about bioethics, pharmaceuticals, gene therapy, health policy, and clinical and academic research
- Observe PGTME meetings and network with professionals in bioethics and other relevant stakeholder fields
- Participate in Division of Medical Ethics and PGTME events
- Potentially coauthor academic publications and/or op-eds

**Words from Our First Intern:**
“I had a wonderful experience as PGTME’s first student intern! This program provided me with a unique experience to directly participate in relevant bioethics discussions with professionals currently working..."
in the field of gene therapy and rare diseases. I was able to speak with every group member and have meaningful and engaging conversations, which taught me so much about the variety of passions that motivate everyone on the team and how these passions come together to create a well-rounded and well-educated group.

The most memorable aspect of my internship experience was how welcoming and genuinely invested each member was in my experience. This was invaluable to me, as it is not the standard at all internship positions. PGTME offers a fantastic opportunity for students to develop professional skills, nourish their academic interests regarding bioethics, and conduct their own research. I can confidently say it propelled me toward my academic and career goals in medicine by developing my understanding of ethical medicine, gene therapy clinical research, patient advocacy, and pharmaceutical development.”

— Ryan Joseph Dieudonné

Compassionate Use and Preapproval Access (CUPA) Internship

CUPA Mission
The mission of CUPA is to advance research, policy, and education regarding the ethical issues surrounding access to investigational medical products. CUPA strives to ensure the fair and transparent treatment of all patients.

CUPA Internship Mission
CUPA aims to create a comfortable and educational space to involve interns in progressive dialogue regarding preapproval access to unapproved medical products. We encourage critical thinking and equip our interns with the necessary skills to address complex issues in contemporary bioethics. Interns will also have a chance to develop their own interests and conduct personal research.

To learn more about this internship, contact Sage Gustafson at Sage.Gustafson@nyulangone.org.

Responsibilities:

- Assist CUPA’s project manager on a mix of research and administrative tasks
- Keep the team informed about new developments in expanded access
- Assist with planning and recording monthly meetings
- Assist CUPA members with research or administrative projects
- Contribute to CUPA communications efforts, including by promoting events and implementing CUPA’s broader media strategy

Opportunities:

- Participate in a paid internship where undergraduate students will learn about bioethics, patient advocacy, drug development and regulation, health policy, and academic and clinical research, and the ethical issues involved in these fields,
including equity in access for patients and the roles of industry, patient advocacy, and regulators
• Observe CUPA meetings and network with professionals in bioethics and other relevant stakeholders
• Participate in Division of Medical Ethics and CUPA events
• Potentially coauthor academic publications and/or op-eds

Logistics for Both Internships
• These are completely virtual, paid internships for undergraduate college students
• Interns will have a designated mentor
• Interns will be paid the going rate for research assistants ($15/hour) for 10 hours of work a week during the academic semester, with time off for university holidays
• Duration: NYU academic semester, with option for renewal for a 2nd semester