



March 29, 2016

Dear MMHPI Valued Partner,

**We would like to extend an opportunity to you – one of our valued stakeholders – to invite outstanding undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in mental health policy to apply for our 2016 Summer Internship Program.**

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) launched its inaugural Summer Internship Program last year. The broad objective of the program is to provide wide-ranging experience with mental health policy and related issues facing Texans.

Opportunities include high-level participation in quality, nonpartisan and objective policy research and development to improve mental health services in Texas.

We consider Interns valuable contributors to our work, and the program seeks to provide broad exposure to every aspect of our mission and vision. We also attempt to personalize the internship experience. This means encouraging each person to choose an area of interest for an individual project. Last year, our interns pooled their interests and skills to collaborate on a group project that has fueled specific aspects of our recently launched [Okay to Say](#) program.

**Please consider forwarding this email to students you recommend for this experience.**

The paid internship opportunity is Dallas-based and includes the period from June 6 through August 12, 2016. Interns receive a stipend for their participation. If students

would like to integrate the internship with a practicum or other credit-bearing experience, we will work with them to meet any requirements. There is a great amount of flexibility in scheduling to meet the schedules and goals of students. However, we encourage an 8 to 10 week (up to 40 hours per week) commitment to maximize exposure and professional development.

Students interested in applying should send a signed cover letter, resume and one-page writing sample (personalizing their interest in mental health policy) to the following email address: [internship@texasstateofmind.org](mailto:internship@texasstateofmind.org). Students should include in their cover letter a preferred start date, the number of weeks they would like to work, and any extended time periods, if any, during which they would need to be away on personal business during their internship.

**We plan to begin making offers for the internship positions on Friday, April 22, 2016.**

Students should attempt to submit application materials packets as soon as possible for optimal consideration. Offers will be made on a rolling basis, and depending on the strength of the applicant pool our plan is to offer 2 or 3 positions.

We are very excited to once again be able to offer this program, and look forward to an enriching summer experience with successful candidates.

Thank you,



**Andy Keller**

President & CEO



*"The truth is: mental illness affects more people than you may think, and we need to talk about it. It's Okay to Say..."* [okaytosay.org](http://okaytosay.org)

*MMHPI is committed to equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment and provides full and equal employment opportunities*

*to all employees and potential employees without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, age, citizen status, veteran status, genetic information or any other legally protected status.*

THE MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE

T (972) 884-4660

2800 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

[texasstateofmind.org](http://texasstateofmind.org)



THE MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE

T (972) 884-4660

2800 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

[texasstateofmind.org](http://texasstateofmind.org)