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Impact Interns: Fall 2020

**Organization Information** 

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Organization Name:	Network for Victim Recovery of DC	
Address:	6856 Eastern Ave NW, Suite 376, Washington DC 20012	
Website:	www.nvrdc.org	
Organization	The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) provides free,	
Description:	holistic, and comprehensive advocacy, case management and legal services to victims of all types of crime regardless of income. We believe that victims deserve respect for their dignity in the aftermath of a crime. NVRDC seeks to empower crime victims in the District of Columbia by meeting them where they are and, in doing so, provide vital services in order to achieve justice and encourage self-determination.	
Point of Contact:	Bridgette Stumpf, Executive Director, bridgette@nvrdc.org	
(Name, title, email)		

**Position Description** 

Internship Time Period:	
	Other:
Hours Per Week:	10 hours a week – total of 100 hours
Undergrad/Grad Intern	Graduate
Preference:	⊠Undergraduate
(you may only select one per	
project description)	
Internship Description and	Position Summary:
Duties:	Our impact internship provides individuals the opportunity
	to work on a variety of important issues related to
	representing DC crime victims in a supportive and engaging
	work environment.
	Duties:
	<ul> <li>Provide continued support to NVRDC's iGive</li> </ul>
	project by continuing to survey DC-area
	gynecologists and medical providers' policies
	relating to trauma-informed care. This includes
	following-up with medical providers regarding
	NVRDC's survey and assisting NVRDC with drafting
	training and promotional materials.
	<ul> <li>Support NVRDC's nPEP project, which seeks to</li> </ul>
	expand DC survivors' access to HIV-prevention
	medication.



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•	Research best practices for advocate case notes and
	draft memorandum documenting findings.

- Research best practices and develop a plan for organizational case reviews.
- Provide project updates to the Strategic Advocacy Counsel and Director of Advocacy Programs.
- Additional help as needed by NVRDC to support our direct services and policy efforts.

Description of long-term project the Impact Intern will lead or substantively contribute to:

## **Projects that Intern Will Lead:**

- Research best practices for advocate case notes, create a memorandum documenting findings, and draft of policies and procedures to implement.
- Research best practices for case reviews for victim service providers, create a memorandum documenting findings, and draft policies and procedures to implement.

## **Substantive Contribution-iGive Project:**

NVRDC is building a trauma informed training project for OBGYNs (& other related medical practices) in the DC area. This project would meet two primary objectives: 1) providing education to OBGYN practices on how to refer survivors into acute crisis services for forensic medical care and 2) bolstering providers' ability to provide long-term trauma informed care and incorporate trauma-informed care into specific policies and procedures. There is no standard training requirement or on-going education requirements for OBGYN doctors, nurses, or staff about trauma informed care for sexual assault survivors.

Survivors NVRDC has worked with have reported receiving incorrect information on acute care services from their OBGYNs, have experienced compromised evidence that could not be collected for forensic evidence, and have felt a lack of trust in services for follow-up care.

With this project, NVRDC has sent a community survey to assess current OBGYN offices' knowledge and practices for sexual assault survivors. NVRDC will then develop a trauma informed training and referral tool. The project will serve OBGYN practices, and countless survivors accessing acute and follow-up care following sexual violence.



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	Substantive Contribution-nPEP Project:  NVRDC hopes to introduce legislation in DC relating to survivors' access to HIV prevention medication. In anticipation of this effort, NVRDC seeks assistance researching how nPEP is affecting survivors. This could include surveying DC-area insurance policies, researching average costs associated with the medications, statistics about different survivors' access to medication, etc. This information will be crucial in persuading legislatures to help survivors overcome these barriers.
Qualifications and/or skills desired:	<ul> <li>Enthusiasm and passion for NVRDC's mission and an interest in crime victims' rights, criminal law, or social justice.</li> <li>Relevant experience or knowledge related to crime victims' rights, advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, or other related fields.</li> <li>Experience or familiarity with trauma-informed practices.</li> <li>Strong writing skills.</li> <li>Strong research skills.</li> <li>Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.</li> <li>Ability to take initiative and be proactive.</li> <li>Desire to work in a fast-paced work environment.</li> </ul>
The following information is required from the intern:	☐ Resume ☐ Cover Letter ☐ Writing Sample ☐ Other:
Interviews will be conducted via the following methods:	<ul> <li>☑Zoom</li> <li>☑Google Hangouts</li> <li>☑WebEx</li> <li>☑Other: Phone, if candidate doesn't have access to Zoom or Google Hangouts</li> </ul>