



The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) is a patient-centered nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating the development of treatments for ataxia and improving the lives of those affected by it. NAF is a global leader in driving ataxia research and fostering national and international collaboration to advance scientific discovery.

The NAF Science Communications (SciComm) Internship offers exceptional undergraduate students or recent graduates the opportunity to obtain professional experience from a national non-profit organization. The internship is a paid developmental experience to build the skills of the candidate. The internship will be project-specific and time-bound.

Application Due Date: May 1, 2026

Position Description

Position Title: SciComm Intern

Location: Remote

Duration: 12 weeks, beginning June 1, 2026 | 8 hours per week

Position Summary: The Science Communication Intern works with the research team to implement strategies to promote the mission, vision, and activities of the organization through various communication channels.

Education and Experience: Bachelor's degree in life sciences, health sciences, biology, or related field preferred. Candidates with degrees in progress will be considered.

Special skills or knowledge: Experience communicating scientific concepts to non-specialist audiences through text is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and writing/editing skills are essential to this role. Strong interpersonal communication skills are necessary. Knowledge of or experience with Ataxia research, or other neurodegenerative disease research, is an asset.

Reporting Relationship: Patient Engagement Director

Compensation: 17 USD per Hour. No additional benefits provided.

Example of Duties & Responsibilities

1. Ataxia Researcher Profiles

- a. Schedule & conduct one-on-one interviews with ataxia researchers who have previously been awarded NAF research grants following a predesigned interview protocol.
- b. Compile interview data and research project lay summary information to create short, engaging researcher profiles to be posted on the NAF website and social media.
- c. Coordinate with the interviewees and the NAF communications team for graphic elements needed for this campaign.

2. Other Duties

- a. Attend NAF staff meetings and/or Research Department meetings as needed.