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Dear Alumni,

We hope you are having a wonderful fall and enjoying the change in the season. At Yale, there are a variety of exciting events and initiatives that we are hosting at the Asian American Cultural Center (AACC). One of our programs, now in its second year, is our Spring Break Externship Program that takes place during the middle of March. The externship program takes enthusiastic and committed Yale undergraduates and pairs them with alumni in the New York City area for a short week-long unpaid internship during their spring break. It is the perfect opportunity for the alumni to acquaint themselves with students and for the students to establish alumni relations and gain valuable experience in preparation for professional and life skills after college. We also work closely with the New York chapter of the Association of Asian American Yale Alumni (AAAYA) to help identify alumni who would be interested in sponsoring an externship at their place of work during our spring break; this year, the externships will take place from March 17-March 21.

Although Externship Program was started only last year, the feedback from both sponsor and extern was overwhelmingly positive. We plan to increase the success of the program by expanding the range of externship opportunities and by giving more creative control to the sponsors in the selection of the student. Externship sponsors are requested to ensure that during the week-long externship, the student extern is either shadowing the alumni sponsor (and a colleague or your working group) and/or is assigned to a project that can be completed within this time frame and helps the extern understand the significance of his/her assigned project to the nature of the field placement. All student externs are expected to find/arrange for their own housing during the week-long externship. We also host a dinner for all alumni sponsors and student externs during the week of the externship.

We would be delighted if you would be interested in sponsoring an externship experience for one of our students. If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved with the Externship Program, please contact our AACC Alumni Outreach Co-Coordinators, [julie.yang@yale.edu](mailto:julie.yang@yale.edu) or [leang.chaing@yale.edu](mailto:leang.chaing@yale.edu). We have also attached an externship sponsorship form that can be filled out and emailed to either Julie Yang or Leang Chaing; *forms are due by December 3rd*.

We look forward to hearing from you in reference to your interest in our Externship Program or other student/alumni initiatives we coordinate at the Asian American Cultural Center.

Kind regards,

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