Virtual Summer Internship FAQs

What is the application process?
Our application can be found here: https://alliancetheatre.formstack.com/forms/2020_virtual_summer_internship_application. After you complete the application, you may be asked to attend a Zoom interview. During the interview, we will tell you more about our programs, answer any questions you have, and ask you some questions too. We accept candidates on a rolling basis so you should hear something from us a week or two after your interview. If accepted, we’ll follow up with your assigned programs and specific schedule.

What is the application deadline?
We accept applicants on a rolling basis, so we always encourage you to apply as soon as you can. The earlier, the better! We have a limited number of spots and once they are filled, we will no longer be accepting new applications.

How long does the internship last?
Our internship can last the full summer (May – August) or simply one session (June or July). It depends on your assigned program and your availability.

What are the age requirements for this internship?
To participate in this internship program, you must be a rising college sophomore or above and have access to an internet enabled device with a front facing camera (eg. Laptop, desktop, tablet, cell phone)

Do I need to have a specific major to apply?
No! We welcome all majors.

What platforms will I be required to use for this virtual internship?
We are in the process of determining exactly which platforms we will be using for all of our summer programs, but some great things to be familiar with are:

- Zoom
- Flipgrid
- Wakelet
- IMovie or other video editing software
- Garageband or other sound editing software
- Word
- Excel
- Slack
Is the internship paid?
Our internship is unpaid. We offer free acting classes in exchange for volunteer hours. For every two hours you volunteer with us, you receive one free hour to put toward an acting class. We have a variety of classes to choose from. For more information on the acting classes offered, visit www.alliancetheatre.org/education.

In addition to the class hours, you will also have access to our weekly workshops and networking opportunities. We host workshops every week that cover a variety of topics. In the past, we have had workshops on puppeteering, stage combat, resume writing, and more. We also provide you with networking opportunities with Alliance Theatre staff. We set up meetings with a representative from a department that you’re interested in learning more about, such as public relations, marketing, or production.

What does a typical day look like for an intern?
As a teaching assistant, you will be working in the virtual classroom with our teaching artists. Each camp will have some type of virtual sharing at the end of the week, either live in Zoom or filmed (or a combination!). Our interns are crucial in helping students reach that culminating performance. Interns will be crucial in the running of day-to-day Zoom sessions with students, as well as potentially working to assist in video and sound editing for the final performance. You might also be asked to lead games or warm-ups, or to lead small group work with students in a virtual breakout room.

If you are working on our Virtual Educator Conference, you will be assisting with the technical side of facilitation in Zoom sessions (while getting to also attend the sessions yourself), as well as supporting administrative work on the front and back end of each weekly offering.

Can I work on multiple programs?
Yes. We try to customize your internship based on your interests and availability. We’ll adjust your schedule to make sure there’s a balance between your assigned programs.

What ages can I work with?
Our campers range from 4 year olds to high schoolers and our Educator Conference attendees are professional classroom teachers. We determine which age groups you’ll be working with based on your preferences and where we think you’d be a good fit.

What kind of interns are you looking for?
We love interns that are passionate, excited, and willing to jump in and try new things! We do look for candidates that have some experience in working with youth. This can range from babysitting, mentoring or tutoring, to student teaching or directing. If you have any experience with video or sound editing, that’s a plus, but not required. We also like to see some interest or passion in the arts, even if you’d just like to learn more about it!