

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
AVA WEBSITE DESIGNER SCHOLAR  
DUE MARCH 31, 2021**

The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) Website Designer Scholar Project seeks individuals who have the capacity and skills to help design an innovative AVA website. The project is to raise awareness and promote changes in the way issues of violence and abuse are addressed in health professional education and its academic communities, ultimately reframing the limited view of violence and abuse that establishes them as critical health care issues.

**Objective**

The AVA Scholar projects' objective is to provide a graduate student the opportunity to enhance or creatively design the Academy on Violence website. The project will be completed in one year.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The AVA seeks individuals who are:

- Actively pursuing a degree in web design or computer science;
- Have the capacity and skills to design an innovative website.
- Have some interest in the prevention of violence and abuse.
- International students may be accepted if they are physically located within the US for the projects' 1-year duration.

AVA Website Designer Scholar Support Includes:

- A stipend of \$500.
- Travel-related expenses (if not virtual) to attend the 2022 AVA Global Health Summit
- Recognized as the inaugural AVA Website Scholar

**Application Process**

Prospective candidates submit applications via email. Applicants will attach a short CV, a recommendation letter from a professor (current or former), and a recommendation letter from their academic advisor.

**AVA WEBSITE DESIGNER SCHOLARS APPLICATION**

Please complete the application and include a current CV; attach two letters of recommendation; and a letter from the applicants' supervisor/advisor expressing commitment to the proposed course of work. Please email them to Nora Montalvo-Liendo (see Program Contact).

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Current student status: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in 600 words or less your current student role and future career plans.

Please describe in 350 words or less how being an AVA Website Design Scholar would benefit your current student status and future career.

### **Selection Criteria**

The following factors are considered in the selection process:

- Evidence of the potential for and a commitment to service addressing the health effects of violence and abuse.
- General merit of the candidate's work ethic:
  - Potential of the proposed project to be completed within the timeline
  - Potential of the proposed project to serve as a launching point in the candidate's career
- The entire AVA Board must approve the final selection.
- The selection committee values and will prioritize diversity across multiple dimensions, such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, and disadvantaged socioeconomic status. We strongly encourage applications from candidates who will help us expand the perspectives and experiences we bring to our work.
- As an organization, AVA is interprofessional, and our goal is to have Scholars reflect on this diversity of health professions.
- The applicant's knowledge and or experience in web design and development will be considered. For example, HTML, CSS, JQuery, Responsive Design using Twitter Bootstrap or a similar responsive framework.
- A portfolio of websites is recommended; however, not required.

**Evaluation and Monitoring** Individuals selected as AVA Website Designer must provide a monthly progress report.

**Program Contact:** Please forward applications to Nora Montalvo-Liendo (nora.montalvo@gmail.com)

### **About the Academy on Violence and Abuse**

AVA is an academic, health-professional membership-based organization dedicated to making violence and abuse a core component of medical and related professional education.

Violence and abuse have been viewed predominately as criminal justice or social welfare issues focusing on stopping crime, prosecuting criminals, and treating the victims' immediate physical wounds. However, criminal justice systems are not designed to address the full spectrum of health care needs of victims of violence and abuse. Subtle forms of violence and abuse such as verbal abuse and neglect are rarely recognized or deemed severe enough to be classified as criminal behavior. Still, these less obvious abuse cases require prevention and contribute to serious health problems, which warrant professional treatment.

For more information, visit <http://www.avahealth.org>.