

Hallie Quinn Brown

INTERN APPLICATION

Centered in social justice, CHAT is a nonprofit that provides life-changing speech therapy to those with few—if any—other options. CHAT's staff is united by our dedication to "communication justice," our initiatives and advocacy to effect change for under-resourced and under-represented children for whom communication differences and disorders contribute to inequitable treatment. As part of this work, CHAT is working to increase the number of BIPOC individuals in the field of speech-language pathology, including through the creation of our Hallie Quinn Brown (HQB) Internship.

We have named our internship for Brown, a Black woman from the 19th century who was an elocutionist committed to providing access to education and literacy to Black students; specifically, she was dedicated to the teaching and use of public speaking as a tool to help Black individuals and women advocate for social transformation. As an educator and an activist, Brown is someone to admire and to emulate within the field of speech-language pathology, which desperately needs greater representation of BIPOC individuals—unacceptably, only 8% of speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are BIPOC (and only 3% are Black). This is a systemic issue that goes far beyond the field of speech-language pathology and CHAT, but which we feel we need to address and combat however possible for our small (but mighty) organization.

The HQB Internship is intended for rising juniors and seniors of color who intend to apply to graduate school in speech-language pathology. Selected applicants will serve as aides for CHAT's 2022 in-person and virtual summer programs focusing on literacy, social communication, and executive functioning. This internship includes a \$1000 stipend, mentorship from experienced SLPs, and hard to find clinical experience to aid with graduate school applications—all with the goal of helping more BIPOC individuals to enter the field of speech-language pathology and increasing representation.

CHAT's 2022 summer programs will run from July 5th through August 4th. All HQB interns will participate in at least one of our sessions (9:30am-11am, 12:30pm-2pm, and 3:30pm-5pm) virtually or in person, and all will need to participate in two training days in late June/early July. At the end of the internship, all HQB interns will draft a written reflection on their experience so that we can continue to improve the program.



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