The Governmental Accounting Standards Board sponsors a postgraduate technical assistant program for individuals who are planning a career with an emphasis in accounting or public administration. The program is a one-year term, during which the individual becomes highly involved with the accounting standards-setting process and comes to have an in-depth understanding of the roles played by preparers, auditors, and users of financial information.

Responsibilities
Postgraduate Technical Assistants will be assigned to work on major projects, short-term practice and implementation issues, and the post-implementation review of standards and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the FASB and the GASB. Postgraduate Technical Assistants will be involved in all phases of their assigned projects, including analyzing written submissions received on documents issued for public comment, reviewing and analyzing published research, preparing memorandums on technical issues for Board members’ information, drafting due process documents, and evaluating accounting proposals of other governmental organizations. Additionally, Postgraduate Technical Assistants will attend and occasionally participate in public Board, task force, and other meetings pertinent to their projects.

Qualifications
Candidates for the internship program must be nominated by a member of their school’s accounting, public administration, or similar department and approved by the dean or department chairperson. Candidates must be enrolled, or recently graduated from, a graduate program in accounting, public administration or a comparable field at the time of their nomination. Candidates must have an outstanding academic record, strong oral and written communications skills, and have completed course work that provides a thorough knowledge of either accounting theory and practice, or public administration with an emphasis on public finance or public financial management.

Compensation
Salaries are competitive with public accounting, government, and private industry.

How to Apply
Only one applicant per program period (July 2018 and January 2019) per school will be considered. Faculty members who nominate candidates will be required to furnish a resume and transcript for each nominated candidate, which should describe course work, work experience, grades, standardized test scores, and other qualifications. Nomination materials and any questions you may have about the program should be sent via email to the attention of Ginny Cintron, Manager of Human Resources, at ApplyPTAProgram@f-a-f.org.