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Registration for the FPA Virtual Externship Is Now Open

The wildly popular [FPA Virtual Externship](#), which debuted last year as a way to fill the internship gap due to the pandemic, proved to be an experience we *all* need—not just in uncertain times, but in *all* times. Get an outstanding internship experience where you can earn 180 hours towards CFP Board’s experience requirement, access top financial planning software platforms and get real-world experience—all from the comfort of your own home. In partnership with eMoney Advisor and Kaplan, the eight-week program will be held from June 7 through July 30. [Registration](#) is now open until June 1.

FPA and RIADAC Partner to Educate Financial Planners on Digital Currencies

As blockchain and digital assets become more mainstream, now is the time for financial planners to build competency in this transformational asset class. To this end, FPA and the RIA Digital Assets Council (RIADAC) are partnering to provide education on the application of blockchain and digital assets. FPA members now have access to a wide range of content, a 50% discount on [RIADAC’s certificate program](#), an [FPA Blockchain & Digital Assets community](#), thought leadership content in the [Journal of Financial Planning](#), and more.

Save the Date for NexGen Gathering 2021

If you’re new to the profession and looking to get the practical skills and lasting connections you need to level up as a financial planning professional, mark your calendar for August 12–13 and plan to join us at [#NexGenGathering](#).

What are your peers learning this month?

Dive deeper into this month's *Journal of Financial Planning* to learn about estate planning insights in the age of COVID-19, managing retirement withdrawal plans, facilitating virtual client meetings for money conversations, and more. Check out the [April issue of the *Journal of Financial Planning*](#). Join [this month's roundtable discussion](#) to ask the *Journal* authors questions on their articles featured in the April issue.

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Join the FPA Board of Directors

Interested in serving on the FPA Board of Directors? Know someone who would be a great leader? The FPA Board of Directors plays a critical role in setting the vision and strategic direction of FPA and is now accepting applications for a three-year term beginning 2022. Applications are due June 1. [Learn more](#) and [request an application](#).

FPA Embraces Its Asian American/Pacific Islander Members

FPA [stands for and with](#) all groups who contribute to the vibrant diversity of our membership, our country and the world. We condemn acts of violence against Asian Americans and the pervasive discrimination and stereotyping that has harmed Asian American lives. Our Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is a vital source of leadership and strength for FPA and the financial planning profession. To make this sense of community possible within financial planning, we are pleased to launch the [FPA Asian American/Pacific Islander Knowledge Circle](#) to provide a safe environment for members to come together to share, learn and grow from their collective experiences.

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