Public Citizen Internship

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Global Warming ■ Sustainability ■ Renewable Energy ■ Environmental Economics

Want to work on cutting edge policy issues?

Interested in applying class work to the real world?

Want to work for the causes you believe in?

If you want more from an internship than making copies and licking envelopes consider interning at Public Citizen, doing substantive work on real issues and making a difference in Texas.

Who are we?

a non-profit, public interest organization

Public Citizen is a non-profit consumer advocacy organization founded by Ralph Nader in 1971. Public Citizen's mission is based on two principles: consumer products should be safe when manufactured, used and disposed of, and government agencies should protect people, not the industries they regulate.

Public Citizen's Texas Office was established in 1984. The office protects health, safety and democracy by focusing on energy, environment and ethics issues.

Our internship program was established in 1985. The goal is to professionally develop students by providing challenging internships that teach substantive policy research, writing and advocacy. Over the past 21 years we have been fortunate to have more than 200 student interns.

Why Intern with us?

Public Citizen interns perform meaningful work that is used by the office to affect social and environmental change. During semester-long internships, interns work with the Texas Legislature, the media, and other public interest groups to change laws and educate the public on environmental, consumer, and ethics issues.

Work on projects that make a difference.

Typical intern projects include developing presentations for various audiences, running citizen-organizing campaigns, and researching and writing reports to release to the media and state decision-makers. Interns often set up and conduct press conferences, testify before legislative committees, lobby legislators, and present issues on television or radio.

About one-half of Public Citizen interns have contributed to changing laws or policies and/or presented an issue at a press conference, public hearing, or on television.

Interns typically set their own schedules and work 15 hours per week. Internships are unpaid, but students can receive college credit for their work.

How to apply

Send a cover letter, your resume, and a short writing sample to Beth O'Brien at bobrien@citizen.org

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