

Internship Position through the Department of Communication Studies and Journalism at California State University, Sacramento

Name of Organization:

CALPIRG

Description of Organization:

CALPIRG is a statewide non-profit, non-partisan consumer group that stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security or our right to fully participate in our democratic society.

Internship type (check all that apply)

X Public Relations Media Media Production Intercultural
 Journalism Interpersonal Organizational

Detail of Activities/Duties/Responsibilities/Opportunities:

The Capitol City Intern will work closely with the CALPIRG advocates to work on our democracy and tax and budget campaigns. This will include interacting with grassroots activists, CALPIRG staff, members of the media, the state and federal legislatures, and coalition partners. Specific responsibilities include:

- **Recruitment:** Interns will work to recruit small farmers, business owners, taxpayer groups, PTA's, etc to sign onto coalition letters and take campaign actions. Interns may also recruit and coordinate other student volunteers to gather public comments and petitions for the campaign.
- **Lobby Meetings:** We will hold meetings with congressional and state representatives and their staff.
- **Media Outreach:** Interns will be responsible for helping with set up to meetings events, calling reporters, building press packages, and keeping up to date media lists.
- **Citizen Outreach:** Interns will help our citizen outreach staff to run effective grassroots outreach.

Intern Background Necessary:

- Interested in political science
- Skills with Microsoft Office Suite
- Strong writing and communication skills
- Strong public speaking and interpersonal skills
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Intern Background Desirable:

- Experience working with volunteers
- Experience with an issue or candidate campaign

Materials Needed for the Interview:

- Resume
- Cover letter

Number of Weekly Hours Required: Minimum of 10 hours/week

Total Number of Hours Per Semester (50 work hours = 1 semester credit):

Flexible Schedule (yes/no): YES

Fixed Schedule (yes/no): NO

Fixed Schedule Days & Times:

Number of Interns Requested: 3

Paid Position (yes/no): NO

Wages (if applicable):

Paid Expenses (yes/no):

Semesters/Dates Internships Available:

Fall

Spring

Summer

Other

Are applicants accepted on an ongoing basis? (yes/no):

If no, what is the deadline?:

Yes but we are looking to fill these positions as soon as possible.

Other Comments regarding this organization or this position:

We pride ourselves on hiring and training young political organizers and advocates. Every year we hire nearly 100 entry level staff nationwide so there is definite room for advancement with this position.

For more information or to **apply**, contact:

Organization name & address: CALPIRG

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