Internships

Sustainability ■ Clean Air ■ Renewable Energy ■ Policy Advocacy

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 a meaningful internship with opportunities to learn, 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 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. We work to protect 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 27 years we have been fortunate to have more than 300 student interns.

Why Intern with us?

Public Citizen interns perform meaningful work that is used by the office to affect social and environmental change. 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 and agency committees, and lobby legislators.

Projects that we are currently working on include stopping construction of pipelines for tar sands, working with electric providers to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy, improving air quality at Texas ports, stopping coal exports, improving regulations for hydraulic fracturing getting the oldest, dirtiest coal-fired generators in Texas shut down, improving ethics laws and more.

Interns typically set their own schedules and work 15-20 hours per week. Internships are unpaid, but students can receive college credit for their work. Internships generally last 1 semester, but since the TX Legislature is in session this spring, we hope to have some interns stay on from the fall.

Send a cover letter, your resume, and a short writing sample to Kaiba White at kwhite@citizen.org

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