



Research Internship

Background

Common Cause Maryland is seeking a fall and/or winter intern to assist with advocacy campaigns, research, policy development, communications, and member outreach and events. Individuals with keen interest in government affairs and the legislative process, can-do attitude, and commitment to a fair and transparent democracy are highly encouraged to apply.

Common Cause is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to restoring the core values of American democracy, reinventing an open, honest and accountable government that serves the public interest, and empowering ordinary people to make their voices heard in the political process. We offer our interns the opportunity to learn about non-profit work and make a difference for good government reform.

Location

Annapolis, MD

Internship Description

Assist staff with all a range of advocacy and communications activities, including:

- Promoting and ensuring improved voter turnout and access at the polls through effective media campaign, including blogging, op-ed writing, and tweeting;
- Assisting with drafting of legislation and necessary outreach to establish public funding for county candidates for office;
- Researching campaign donations and transparency reforms, with the goal of releasing several reports over the fall and winter;
- Holding and attracting attendance at regular membership events and preparing for a large fall fundraiser;
- Meeting with elected officials, candidates for office, and community groups to discuss good government reforms and our long-term agenda.

Qualifications

Must be passionate about good government issues. Must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Excellent writing, researching, and editing skills are required; must be familiar with Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel. Experience with Facebook and Twitter are helpful.

Salary and Schedule

This position is unpaid, but can be done for credit if arranged by the student with a supervising faculty member. Scheduling is flexible based on applicant's schedule. A commitment of 10 to 15 hours per week is required. Must be able to come to the Annapolis office on a regular basis but work may be done remotely.

To Apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as positions are available. Candidates are encouraged to apply by Friday, September 5. Please submit a cover letter, résumé, and short (one page) writing sample by email to: Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, jbd@commoncause.org.