

Spring 2010 Undergraduate Internship Opportunity
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project
New York, NY

The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**, America's foremost advocate of individual rights, is a nonpartisan organization founded in 1920. With more than 5 national offices and over 50 affiliates throughout the country, it is widely regarded as one of the nation's premier public interest law firms. The **Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) & AIDS Project** of the ACLU seeks highly motivated undergraduate for semester-long internships in New York City starting in January 2010.

Application deadline: **January 22, 2010**

OVERVIEW

The LGBT & AIDS Project brings impact lawsuits in state and federal courts throughout the country—cases designed to have a significant effect on the lives of LGBT people and those with HIV/AIDS. In coalition with other civil rights groups, we also lobby in Congress and support grassroots advocacy, from local school boards to state legislatures. Our legal strategies are built on the idea that fighting for civil rights means not just persuading judges but ultimately changing the way people think. As we litigate for change, we use targeted media, online and outreach campaigns to change public attitudes, as well as provide advocacy tools to help citizens take action in their community. As part of the broad civil liberties mission of the ACLU, the Project brings together the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities with other social change movements to achieve a just society for all. For more information visit www.aclu.org/lgbt

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Interns will assist in the research, production and distribution of public education/media strategies and outreach campaigns, and work with staff to build coalitions with LGBT organizations and community-based service organizations working on issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and/or LGBT rights. Interns will provide general and administrative support to the Project's public education, development and legal staff. They will also be responsible for the research of media outlets for press outreach and areas for public education outreach. Additionally, interns will draft press materials and organize mailings of published materials.

The internships require a commitment of 10 - 12 weeks. They are unpaid positions with flexible schedules designed to accommodate the coursework/employment of the interns.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Students enrolled in an undergraduate program for Communications, Political Science, Sociology, or related fields are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should have:

- An interest in legal, organizing, legislative, journalism, public relations or communications career
- Excellent research, writing and communications skills
- Administrative experience in an office setting and strong organizational skills
- Strong computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel
- Familiarity with issues surrounding LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS and other civil liberties issues is desirable; commitment to these issues is essential.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, a resume, two letters of recommendation, and a brief writing sample via email to sritchie@aclu.org (reference) *Re: 2010 Spring Internship -LGBT & AIDS* in subject line - or by mail to:

Sam Ritchie
ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, New York 10004-2400

Re: 2010 Spring Internship -LGBT & AIDS

Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this posting.

Applications for Spring 2010 will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 22, 2010.

The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

The ACLU comprises two separate corporate entities, the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation. Both the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation are national organizations with the same overall mission, and share office space and employees. The ACLU has two separate corporate entities in order to do a broad range of work to protect civil liberties. This job posting refers collectively to the two organizations under the name "ACLU."

PLEASE CONTACT AICH/WIA PROGRAM (212-598-0100, ext 221) FOR STUDENT SERVICES ASSISTANCE!

(Customers must be Native American and meet WIA program eligibility requirements in order to receive transportation assistance, clothing allowance, cash incentives once employed, child care assistance, etc., etc..)

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