

# American Civil Liberties Union Foundation LGBT & AIDS Project – New York, NY

## SUMMER 2010 INTERNSHIP: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The **American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (“ACLU”)** is a nationwide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with more than 500,000 members dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the Constitution and our nation’s civil rights laws. The ACLU’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) and AIDS Project invites applications for undergraduate summer-long internships in New York City starting in May/June 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](http://www.aclu.org/lgbt) and [www.aclu.org/hiv](http://www.aclu.org/hiv) .

Internships are unpaid positions with flexible schedules designed to accommodate the coursework/employment of the interns. In addition to providing general support to Project staff and attorneys, interns will assist in the design and implementation of public education strategies and outreach campaigns on issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and/or LGBT rights.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide general support to the Project’s staff.
- Respond to legal intakes and track requests for assistance.
- Track and catalog media “mentions” of the Project’s case work.
- Conduct general, legal and policy research relating to current and prospective cases.
- Support the project in outreach to potential clients.

### EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in a legal, organizing or legislative career.
- Excellent research, communications and writing skills.
- Ability to perform basic office duties, familiarity with Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel, and strong organizational skills a must.
- Familiarity with issues surrounding LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS and other civil liberties issues is desirable; commitment to those issues is essential.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Please send a cover letter, resume and a brief writing sample to [hrjobs@aclu.org](mailto:hrjobs@aclu.org) (please include "Re: LGBT Summer Internship Application (AICH)" in the subject line) – or by mail to:

American Civil Liberties Union  
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project  
**Re: LGBT Summer Internship (AICH)**  
125 Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10004-2400

**Application deadline for the Summer 2010 internship is May 31, 2010.**

Please indicate where you learned of the posting.

**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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