

Arizona PIRG Internships

Spring 2012 - Transportation Internship

Job Description

The Arizona Public Interest Research Group (Arizona PIRG) is a statewide public interest advocacy organization. The goal of the Arizona PIRG Internship Program is to develop college students into leaders in the movement for positive social change. As an Arizona PIRG intern, you'll gain the hands-on experience it takes to organize public support. You'll build expertise on important issues, conduct research, work with the media, and build coalitions. When the special interests try to stand in the way of reform, you'll have the skills and resources to meet them head-on.

The Arizona PIRG Transportation Intern for the Spring 2012 semester will focus on providing assistance to our transportation program. Your responsibilities will include (but are not limited to): researching and tracking relevant local and state issues, working with media outlets across the state, and outreaching to local businesses and groups to build support for our transportation work. As an intern, you will receive regular training and be supervised by an experienced staff person.

Intern Responsibilities

Your day-to-day work will develop the kind of political power and support Arizona PIRG needs to win on issues, including:

- Doing outreach to local businesses
- Planning a news conference
- Attending events including coalition meetings and transportation agency meetings
- Drafting media materials such as letters to the editor and news releases
- Participating in statewide staff meetings
- Providing updates for Arizona PIRG social media accounts

Training and Professional Development

Interns will receive a wide-range of regular trainings and professional development opportunities to make them effective in their internship and prepare them for a variety of careers, particularly those in the public interest field.

In addition, the Arizona PIRG Internship Program wants to give college students exposure to various issues and give you a sense of what it's like to work for a nonprofit advocacy organization. You might have opportunities to participate in activities outside your issues area, such as attending a news conference on government transparency or going to a public hearing on energy efficiency.

Contact Information

For more information, contact Serena Unrein, Public Interest Advocate for Arizona PIRG, at 602-252-1184 or via email at sunrein@arizonapirg.org.

Deadline for spring session 1 internship applications: Feb. 1

Find out more and apply for an Arizona PIRG internship at <http://www.arizonapirgstudents.org/internships>