

Communications Intern

The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) seeks a dynamic graduate or undergraduate student communications intern for spring 2015. CPPP is an independent public policy organization that uses data and analysis to advocate for solutions that enable Texans of all backgrounds to reach their full potential. We dare Texas to be the best state for hard-working people and their families. Join us!

This paid internship is a unique opportunity to gain experience in strategic public policy communications during the Texas legislative session. The intern will work with the Communications Department to advance CPPP's policy objectives.

The communications intern should expect to do many of the following:

- Pitch stories to the news media
- Track traditional and social media coverage and analyze trends
- Write and edit press materials, reports, and presentations
- Write, post and edit content for CPPP blogs and social media
- Manage lists of media contacts and influencers
- Assist in developing communications strategy and implementation plans
- Attend hearings and other events
- Provide general support for the Communications Department

The ideal intern candidate is pro-active, energetic, flexible and strategic. Applicants should have very strong writing abilities, solid time management and organizational skills, and a passion for public policy.

Time and Dates Needed: The internship begins January 5 and runs through the end of May 2015.

Hours and Compensation: This is a paid internship with 15 hours of work expected per week. The Intern will be paid in accordance with CPPP's normal payroll practices and will be subject to the usual, required withholding. As a temporary employee, an intern is entitled to CPPP's paid holidays if a holiday falls on a day she/he would otherwise have worked. Interns are not entitled to other employee benefits such as sick and vacation leave, health and life insurance, employer-sponsored pension, or cell phone reimbursements.

Work Location: Center for Public Policy Priorities, 7020 Easy Wind Drive, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78752 (same building as Black Star Co-op, at the Crestview metro station).

Minimum Qualifications: Graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in school for spring 2015 with demonstrated interest in communications strategy and media relations with strong writing skills.

Interested applicants: please submit your resume and a one-page cover letter describing what you'd like to accomplish as an intern to bernstein@cphp.org by 12/1/2014. Put "Communications Internship" in the subject line.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities is an Equal Opportunity Employer.