

Job Announcement: October 1, 2018

Position Title: Spring Intern
Reports to: Advocacy Team
Location: Chicago, IL

Organizational Overview: The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. The Shriver Center brings together lawyers, community leaders, and allies from across the country as the nation's leading advocate for people living in poverty. We work toward a future where people living in poverty have income security, equal opportunity, and a voice in what happens in their communities.

The Shriver Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a staff of 50 based primarily in Chicago. In 2017, the Shriver Center marked its 50th anniversary and adopted a strategic plan focused on growth and organizational excellence. In the past few years, the Shriver Center's operational budget has increased significantly, from \$4.3 million in 2014 to \$7.5 million in 2018. Accompanying this growth, the Shriver Center's focus has expanded the scope and reach of its work, attaining increasing national prominence.

Commitment to Race Equity: We put race front and center in our work. We recognize that inclusion of diverse voices, perspectives, and experiences is essential to understanding and addressing complex issues in our advocacy and within our organization. To that end, we focus on issues that deeply affect the lives and social mobility of people living in poverty: economic justice, housing justice, healthcare justice, and community justice. We lead, equip, and mobilize multi-state networks to advance an anti-poverty and racial justice agenda. Through training and leadership development programs designed to foster innovation and collaboration, we strengthen core competencies of advocates across the country.

Position Overview: Interns support the Advocacy team and should expect to receive assignments in any of our major focus areas, although occasional efforts may be made to allow interns to take on assignments in areas of their particular interest. Both lawyers and policy professionals supervise interns.

Responsibilities:

- Provide legal research and writing in support of ongoing litigation efforts.
- Complete policy research assignments.
- Attend community meetings and events.

Requirements:

- Currently attending law school.
- Excellent oral/written communication skills.
- Dedicated, independent, and detail-oriented.
- Experience working with racially and economically diverse communities.
- Demonstrated commitment to Shriver Center's mission, vision, and values.

Salary/Benefits: Internship positions are unpaid, but the Shriver Center regularly works with students and law schools to assist students in obtaining outside funding or course credit if they wish.

Opening/Closing Date: All application materials will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The Intern Committee will consider all applications immediately after applications are received.

Applications: Send cover letter, resume, writing sample, and references to the Intern Committee at hr@povertylaw.org.

Visit www.povertylaw.org for more information about the Shriver Center.

