



Internship Opportunity ACLU Foundation of Arizona Communications & Media Relations Intern

The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona** is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. and Arizona constitutions. Founded in 1959, the ACLU of Arizona places great emphasis on the role of communications in framing the debate around civil liberties issues and building support for civil liberties in Arizona. The ACLU of Arizona invites applications for a Communications & Media Relations Internship that will begin in September 2014.

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW:

A Communications & Media Relations Internship at the ACLU of Arizona provides students with an opportunity to actively work on journalism- and public relations-related projects on a wide variety of highly-publicized civil liberties issues, including immigrants' rights, the freedom to marry, separation of church and state, reproductive freedom and racial profiling. The Communications & Media Relations Intern will be supervised by the ACLU of Arizona Communications Director. A commitment of 12 weeks is requested (September through November), although the specific length and terms of the internship will be negotiated when an offer is made. This internship is unpaid, with the opportunity to earn school credit. Work will be approximately 16 hours/week.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The responsibilities of the Communications & Media Relations Intern will include:

- Providing assistance in tracking current events pertinent to the organization's agenda;
- Tracking media coverage of ACLU issues and initiatives;
- Drafting press releases and social media content;
- Updating media contact lists and maintaining clip files;
- Photographing and interviewing ACLU clients on video;
- Drafting various communications materials including messaging materials for ACLU staff;
- Updating the ACLU of Arizona's Web site; and
- Performing other duties integral to the ACLU of Arizona's mission.

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate/Graduate students.
- Applicants should have excellent research, writing and communications skills.
- Applicants must be computer savvy, including familiarity with Excel and website content management systems such as Drupal and WordPress.
- Demonstration of news gathering and storytelling ability in writing and/or video.
- Ability to work independently.
- An interest in political science, the legislative process, communication/media relations and current events.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and a writing and/or multimedia sample. The cover letter should include your availability and your specific interests in civil liberties. Please submit all materials to ACLU of Arizona Communication Director Steve Kilar at skilar@acluaz.org.

The ACLU of Arizona 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.