RESNICK PROGRAM FOOD LAW AND POLICY
EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Resnick Program has been developing opportunities with leading public interest organizations for UCLA Law students interested in working on cutting edge food law and policy issues. Externship opportunities for next fall must be in accordance with the law school’s program (Externship MyLaw page can be found: https://mylaw.ucla.edu/DepartmentInformation/default.aspx?dept=externships&deptname=Externships).

Students may take externships either for a full semester or on a part-time basis but not both.

Students on a full-time externship receive 11 units of P/U/NC credit for the placement portion of the externship and 2 units of graded credit for a concurrent tutorial or seminar. Students on a part-time externship receive between 1 and 8 units of P/U/NC credit, depending on the number of hours worked at the placement.

This handout provides an overview of the available Resnick Program externship opportunities. For more detailed information about the externship program and rules, please see the MyLaw Externship Pages and the Summary of Academic Standards.

Application Process

Any student who is interested in applying for one of the UCLA extern programs is encouraged to contact the Externship Office for counseling. You may contact Lisa Mead, Externship Director, at mead@law.ucla.edu or Wendy Haro, Externship Coordinator, at haro@law.ucla.edu to schedule an appointment. All applications are available on the Externship section of the MyLaw webpage.

For part time externships for the upcoming semester, applications are due August 14, 2015. Proposals for new, full-time externships should be directed to the Externship Office.

You may also contact Kim Kessler, Policy and Special Programs Director of the Resnick Program, at Kessler@law.ucla.edu, for additional information. Kim is also available to serve as Faculty Advisor for the Resnick Program externships.

PART TIME PROGRAM OPTIONS

The following organizations have expressed interest in hosting UCLA Law students as part-time externs for Fall 2015:

POLICYLINK CENTER FOR HEALTHY EQUITY AND PLACE, EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEM PROJECT (Los Angeles, CA) - http://www.policylink.org/

Policy Link’s Center for Healthy Equity and Place aims to weave research and action into policy initiatives to ensure that everyone can live, work, and play in healthy neighborhoods. Projects focus on environmental and policy strategies that promote equitable food systems in low-income communities and communities of color.

This externship will focus primarily on enhancing local and regional food procurement policies. The scope of the project will include research focusing on obstacles and challenges in institutional and government procurement, include an assessment of legal and contractual implications, and identify an appropriate policy vehicle for moving procurement strategies at the local and regional level.

Contact: Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume, cover letter, two references and a short writing sample. Please direct this correspondence to the attention of Mary M. Lee, Deputy Director: mary@policylink.org and Allison Hagey, Associate Director: Allison@policylink.org
Externs may work on Santa Monica office’s agriculture and food related matters and/or in partnership with the NY Urban Program’s efforts on food systems, which aims to address large-scale legal and policy changes that can help increase the amount of local, sustainable food produced and distributed in the greater New York City region.

Contact: Claire O’Connor, coconnor@nrdc.org; Johanna Dyer, jdyer@nrdc.org

FULL TIME PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The following organizations have expressed interest in hosting UCLA Law students as full-time externs:

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (San Francisco, CA; Portland, OR) - http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/

CSF is a nonprofit public interest and environmental advocacy organization that addresses the impacts of the industrial food production system on human health, animal welfare, and the environment, and promotes sustainable alternatives such as organic agriculture.

Externs would focus on litigation and policy work on behalf of the public and the environment, and work would include performing legal research, drafting pleadings, attending hearings, submitting comments and petitions to administrative agencies, and supporting attorneys in litigation.

Contact: Effie Shum, EShum@centerforfoodsafety.org

CHANGE LAB SOLUTIONS (Oakland, CA) - http://changelabsolutions.org/

ChangeLab Solutions is a national nonprofit that works to accelerate the transformation of neighborhoods, cities, and states into healthy, sustainable communities. To meet the needs of accessibility of nourishing food, fresh water, clean air, and safe places to live and play, requires laws and policies that link all aspects of community life to health outcomes.

Support team of planners, policy analysts, attorneys, and public health experts who develop innovative solutions to critical public health challenges. Individual would support obesity prevention, tobacco control, and healthy and sustainable planning efforts, and will gain experience in a wide range of issues that impact the communities and institutions in which we live, work, play, and learn.

Contact: Sabrina Adler, sadler@changelabsolutions.org; Michelle Husby, mhusby@changelabsolutions.org


DOHMH is the nation’s foremost public health agency charged with protecting and promoting the health of the city’s 8.4 million residents. The DOHMH Office of General Counsel is looking for a student this fall to work on the: administrative enforcement, policy-making, freedom of information, privacy protection, and legal research.

Contact: Thomas Merrill <tmerrill@health.nyc.gov>
Public Justice's Food Safety & Health Project holds corporations accountable for the manufacture, distribution and marketing of food and other products that endanger consumers' safety, health and nutrition. The project spans a number of Public Justice's practice areas, from workers' rights, consumers' rights and access to justice to environmental protection.

Recent developments include victory in holding a factory dairy accountable for polluting the environment by improperly disposing of animal waste, advancement of constitutional challenge to Idaho's Ag-Gag law, advancement of a suit against California mega-dairy on behalf of a California community that is being poisoned by the dairy's illegal waste disposal practices, and the potential suit against a North Carolina hog factory that emits mass quantities of toxic swine waste.

Contact: Leslie Brueckner, lbrueckner@publicjustice.net; Jessica Culpepper, jculpepper@publicjustice.net