

Environmental Studies Internship Opportunity Form

Organization: ___ CoPIRG (Colorado Public Interest Research Group)_____

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Number of interns requested for spring: _No limit_____ **summer:** _____

Nature of project(s) and skills required: The CoPIRG student chapter at CU Boulder runs approximately 5 public interest campaigns every semester. In the spring 2009 semester we ran our Global Warming Solutions, Public Transit, Affordable Health Care, Student Against Hunger and Homelessness, and Cheaper Textbooks campaigns. The CoPIRG campus organizer hires multiple interns to work on one specific campaign and to have one specific role within that campaign (based on experience and interest). For example, a pre-journalism major who is interested in making health care more affordable and accessible for students could be hired as the Media Intern for the Affordable Health Care campaign.

Most of our campaign goals include both an educational/grassroots and action-oriented component. We want to inform and educate the campus community (and the greater Boulder community) about these issues and then raise awareness about what we can all be doing to proactively solve social, environmental, and consumer injustices.

There are no skills required; however we are always looking for passionate and hard-working students who truly want to make a difference on and off campus. The CoPIRG campus organizer is a paid professional who enables student interns and volunteers to be the most successful and effective activists they can be on public interest issues. Our weekly internship class is a set aside time where interns will learn the skills and tools they need to be successful. Internship class topics include: how to develop a campaign strategy, how to plan a big event, how to run an effective meeting, how to develop a message and work with the media, how to plan a press conference, and how to write and release a statistical/analytical report. The organizer is a resource to the students and makes sure each and every intern and volunteer has the skills and confidence they need to do what they want to do with the CoPIRG campaigns.

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