

Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) is seeking summer interns to help us lead the fight for financial justice. Through policy analysis, education, and outreach to our members and others, AFR builds public engagement for substantial financial reform, including:

- Fair rules of the road for consumers and a strong, effective Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to set basic safety standards and protect families.
- A banking system that helps people buy and stay in their homes and invests in communities and businesses to create good jobs and strong neighborhoods.
- An end to megabank bailouts and financial institutions that are “too big to fail.”
- Meaningful limits on the political influence of the financial sector.

AFR is an unprecedented coalition of more than 200 national, state and local groups who have come together to reform the financial industry. The coalition includes consumer, civil rights, investor, retiree, community, labor, faith based and business groups—a full list of coalition members is available [here](#). For more about AFR and its work, see the video with Senator Elizabeth Warren posted at defenddoddfrank.org and check out the Stop the Debt Trap campaign at stopthedebttrap.org.

Internships available this summer:

- Communications: This intern will work with AFR communications director and with the senior fellow to support press and media strategies that lift up our campaigns fighting for a more just and stable economy, as well as for protecting consumers against Wall Street financial scams and discrimination.
- Payday Campaign: This intern will work with AFR payday campaign manager as the coalition continues to defend consumer protections for borrowers of predatory loans—by lifting up the stories of community members and putting pressure on Congress and regulators to maintain and expand protections.
- Take On Wall Street: The TOWS intern will help with a campaign supported by a coalition of over 50 national organizations—including community-based organizations, labor unions, consumer advocates, faith groups, and more—organized around moving a financial reform agenda to address the predatory economic power of Wall Street banks and billionaires and build a financial system that works for the many, not the few. This is a part time internship or may be integrated with the administrative internship.
- Administrative: This intern will get the greatest experience with non-profit management and public administration, working with the COO and the Operations Manager to help maintain our systems, work on keeping accounting, help prepare grants applications and

reports, and sustain our internal communications and organizational structures. This is a part time internship or may be integrated with the Take On Wall Street internship.

Responsibilities:

Responsibilities will vary according to the particular internship, but generally would include:

- Maintain lists and collections of press clips;
- Help to craft, maintain, and circulate relevant campaign or communications materials;
- Help promote our message by contributing to and implementing communications, new media and outreach plans;
- Support a field and lobbying advocacy campaign;
- Potentially help organize and staff congressional hearings, briefings, press conferences, coalition meetings, petition deliveries, or other events.

Qualifications:

Ideal candidates should have a strong commitment to economic justice, racial justice, and social justice. They should have excellent written and oral communication skills; high proficiency with general office software (Microsoft Word, Excel, Paint and PowerPoint preferred); and knowledge and experience with website maintenance, blogging, design, and social networks. We are also looking for someone who is detail oriented, has solid judgement and good relationship-building skills, and a sense of humor to boot.

Compensation:

AFR offers a \$15 an hour stipend together with stimulating, soul-satisfying work and a crash course in public-interest advocacy, financial regulation, communications, and coalition building. Academic credit available as well.

To apply:

Please send a resume, a cover letter, a brief writing sample, and 3 references to jose@ourfinancialsecurity.org and oscar@ourfinancialsecurity.org. Please include in your email subject which internship you are most interested in.

Americans for Financial Reform provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability. AFR is located at 1615 L Street NW in downtown Washington, D.C.