



Americans For Financial Reform Education Fund Fall 2023 Paid Internships

Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund (AFR Ed Fund) is seeking interns to help us lead the fight for financial justice. Please note that, due to the COVID-19 emergency, these are all virtual internships, as AFR Ed Fund will continue to take all precautionary measures to protect the health of its staff and the public.

Formed in the wake of the 2008 crisis, Americans for Financial Reform is working to lay the foundation for a strong, stable, and ethical financial system – one that serves the economy and the nation as a whole, rather than a select few, and we are looking for bright interns to join the fight!

Our Vision: A world where the rules that govern the economy center human needs and help all families and communities to flourish.

Our Mission: Fighting to create a financial system that deconstructs inequality and systemic racism and promotes a just and sustainable economy.

Please submit all applications by Friday, August 25, 2023

Internships available:

- **Policy Internships:** The policy team is looking for interns who are interested in economic justice and want to learn more about the financial services industry so they can help make it more inclusive and equitable. The **Consumer Financial Justice Policy and Campaigns Internship** will work with the Consumer Policy Counsel and the Consumer Financial Justice Field Manager to learn about and address financial and regulatory issues related to consumer protection. The **Take on Wall Street Campaign Intern** will work with the Take on Wall Street team and coalition to build a financial system that works on behalf of working people, not against them. The **Non-bank financial policy Intern** will work with the Non-bank financial policy analyst to research and address the growth of hedge funds and private equity firms as well as the private markets.

Responsibilities for the Policy Interns will include:

- Providing research assistance for policy proposals
- Attending virtual and sometimes in-person hearings and providing one pager synopsis
- Writing blog posts, draft press releases, fact sheets, and social media content
- Monitoring and tracking federal and possibly state legislation, as well as news and other sources of information
- Supporting staff engagement and coordination with policymakers, thought leaders, allied organizations and key stakeholders, including preparation for meetings, briefings,

- hearings or other events
 - Administrative duties as assigned
- **Consumer Financial Justice Policy and Campaigns Internship:** The consumer team is seeking an intern who is interested in working to fight for financial justice. We fight for fair rules and equal treatment for consumers, against lenders who earn profit by taking advantage of people and we promote a strong, effective Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Having knowledge and experience with Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook platforms is a plus for this position.

Responsibilities for the Consumer Financial Justice Policy and Campaigns Intern will include:

- Staffing and attending meetings with coalition members, policymakers, and other stakeholders
 - Developing - in collaboration with colleagues - and advancing AFR policy priorities in the areas of predatory lending, lending discrimination, debt collection, student debt and other abusive financial practices
 - Writing policy memos, regulatory comment letters, reports, and other materials for a range of audiences, including coalition partners, regulatory staff, and Congressional offices.
 - Analyzing and responding to policy proposals, legislation, and proposed rules
 - Providing support and coordination for AFR's issue task forces in these areas, including building the capacity of AFR's coalition, facilitating collaboration, and developing and implementing strategies to advance our policy goals
 - Providing support for a variety of coalition activities, including meetings, actions, briefings, virtual events petition deliveries, Congressional hearings, etc
 - Contributing to digital strategy and content for social media accounts
 - Engaging in research to highlight the problems in consumer finance and especially drawing connections to the intersection of race, class, finance and politics
 - Producing materials that collect and summarize important developments in consumer finance and predatory lending
 - Other duties as assigned
- **Take on Wall Street Campaign Internship:** The Take on Wall Street team is seeking an intern who is interested in working to fight for financial justice. Take on Wall Street is 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 that places economic, gender, and racial justice at the center of the fight to transform the economy and the financial system so that they work for the masses of working people, white, Black and brown.

This fall, as members of Congress continue to funnel even more wealth into the hands of rich white men, leaving millions of white, Black and brown working people without the means or protections needed to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, the Take on Wall Street coalition is stepping up the fight to stop them. It's past time for us to build a financial system that works on behalf of working people, not against them. We are looking for an intern to join this fight for the fall semester. If you fit the bill, we'd love to hear from you!

Responsibilities for the Take on Wall Street Campaign Intern will include:

- Contribute to digital strategy and feed our social media accounts
 - Help promote our message by contributing to and implementing communications, social media and outreach plans
 - Conduct research on political opportunities at the federal level with an eye towards cultivating policy champions and elevating Take On Wall Street priorities in electoral races
 - Schedule and attend meetings with coalition members, policymakers, and other stakeholders
 - Research and write blog posts on a range of topics
 - Provide logistics support for a variety of coalition activities, including petition deliveries, stunts/actions, briefings, Congressional hearings, etc.
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- **Non-bank Financial & Capital Markets Policy Internship:** The non-bank financial policy team is seeking an intern who is interested in working to fight for financial justice. The non-bank financial policy analyst will help the policy analyst address the exponential growth of non-bank financial institutions (such as hedge funds and private equity firms) as well as private markets the past few decades and how the country's outdated laws and regulations have allowed such financial institutions to exacerbate economic inequality, racial injustice, and pose risks to the financial system. Given the lack of public information about both non-bank financial institutions and private markets such a role will require the intern to have top-notch research skills using a combination of public filings, private databases, news sources, and other materials to support the policy analyst.

Responsibilities for the Non-bank Financial Policy Intern will include:

- Assisting the policy analyst in writing letters, comments to regulatory agencies, Congressional testimony, blog posts, and research pieces
- Accompany the policy analyst in meetings with regulatory agencies, Congressional staff, and other policy organizations
- Tracking regulatory comments and legislation related to both non-bank financial institutions and private markets
- Administrative duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Ideal candidates must have a strong commitment to racial justice, economic 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 social networks. Candidates must also be detail oriented, with solid judgment and good relationship-building skills.

Compensation:

AFR Ed Fund offers interns a compensation of \$16.10/hour, together with stimulating, soul-satisfying work, and a crash course in public-interest advocacy, financial regulation, communications, and coalition building. Academic credit is available as well.

Covid Location Adjustment:

Due to COVID-19, all positions will be telework internships, and meetings and orientation will take place via Zoom or other teleconference apps.

To apply:

Please send a resume, a cover letter, a brief writing sample, and three references to internships@ourfinancialsecurity.org. Please specify in your email the specific internship(s) to which you are applying (for the Policy Internships please specify which policy area(s) you are interested in). **Please note that we are only able to hire residents of the following states:** *Alaska, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Washington (state), Wyoming.*

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