



## Americans For Financial Reform Education Fund Spring 2024 Paid Internships

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.

### **To apply:**

Please send a resume, a cover letter, a brief writing sample, and three references to [internships@ourfinancialsecurity.org](mailto:internships@ourfinancialsecurity.org). **Please specify in your email the specific internship(s) to which you are applying.** 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.*

**Please submit all applications by Friday, January 5, 2023**

### **Internships available:**

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. 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 spring 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 spring 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.

**Communications Internship:** The communications intern, a position that can last up to a year, will report to the Communications Director and is an opportunity to practice and learn a wide variety of

communications skills involved in issue advocacy, often in a very fast-paced environment, and pave the way for further work in this space.

Previous AFR communications interns have spent between 3 and 12 months at the organization and gone on to stimulating jobs in other progressive advocacy organizations, in the federal government, the private sector, and at AFR itself. The Communications Director prioritizes helping interns find full-time employment *if they prove eager to learn and capable in their work at AFR*.

**Responsibilities for the Communications Internship will include:**

- Collecting and circulating articles helpful to AFR advocacy
- Aiding in the creation of AFR's weekly newsletter, *Financial Justice*
- Writing and editing news releases
- Learning and using software for sending news releases and creating lists of journalists
- Selected research projects in partnership with campaign and policy staff
- Support AFR coalition members if possible/necessary
- Assist in organization/execution of AFR events, often online
- Participation in intern learning opportunities at AFR and elsewhere
- Support Communications Director as needed

**Qualifications for the Communications Internship:**

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 (G-Suite, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), and knowledge and experience with social networks. Candidates must also be detail-oriented, with solid judgment and good relationship-building skills. Location in the Washington, DC area is preferred but definitely not essential.

**Executive Fellowship (2024-2025):** This Internship is a year-long, part-time, paid position. The Executive Intern will report to the COO and provide a range of organizational, operational, and logistical support to the COO and the organization. This is an outward-facing position, meaning the Executive Fellow will be in regular contact with people outside AFR/AFREF's staff, including coalition members, the Board of Directors, vendors and service providers and other partners or event participants. An ideal candidate will be attentive to email, organized, proactive, thorough with follow-up, and able to juggle multiple projects at once. Location in the Washington, DC area is preferred but not essential.

**Responsibilities for the Executive Fellow:**

- Curate, edit and format monthly reports detailing AFR/AFREF's work for the Board of Directors
- Provide logistical and technological support for events, including assistance in the planning, coordination, and production of events
- Provide organizational support for AFR/AFREF operations, such as updating the website and managing subscriptions
- Prepare materials for board meetings

- Complete special projects for the Board of Directors, COO, Senior Human Resources Manager and Executive Director
- Update organizational forms and resources

**Qualifications for all internships:**

Ideal candidates must have a strong commitment to racial justice, economic justice, and social justice. They should have excellent written and oral communication skills, and high proficiency with general office software (Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint preferred). 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.

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*Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund 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 Ed Fund is located at 1615 L Street NW in downtown Washington, D.C.*

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