



Summer 2021 Paid Internships

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

Through policy analysis, education, and outreach to our members and others, AFR Ed Fund 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 Ed Fund is part of 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 Ed Fund 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: The communications intern will work with AFR Ed Fund communications director 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.
- Campaigns: The campaigns intern will work with campaign managers of the payday and the private equity campaigns. Interns with the payday campaign will help advance the work of a coalition defending 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. Interns with the private equity campaign will support a coalition fighting to curb the predatory economic power of private equity firms and will help build a financial system that works for the many, not the few.

Responsibilities:

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

- Maintaining lists and collections of press clips;
- Help writing, maintaining, and circulating relevant campaign or communications materials;
- Listening and clipping videos of relevant hearings for sharing on AFR lists and social media;
- Researching and potentially writing blog posts;
- Help promoting AFR Ed Fund's message by contributing to and implementing communications, new media and outreach plans;
- Supporting field and lobbying advocacy campaigns;
- Potentially help organizing and staffing 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.

Compensation:

During the summer, AFR Ed Fund offers a compensation of \$15/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, this will be a telework internship, 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 (Communications, Campaigns) to which you are applying.

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.

*Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund is aware that for-profit companies have been selling services related to our internship program. Please be aware that AFR Education Fund is **not** collaborating nor partnering with any such companies and paying for such services does not guarantee placement in our internship program. AFR Education Fund **does not** charge any fees at any stage of the application and selection process.*

