



#StopTheDebtTrap Internship

Americans for Financial Reform's #StopTheDebtTrap Campaign is seeking a fall intern. Join us to help lead the fight against payday lending abuses, and to push back against right wing attacks on consumer financial protection.

There is a tremendous opportunity this fall to win rules that will end the payday lending debt trap. Payday lending is an industry based on luring low-income consumers into high interest loans that catch them in a cycle of debt. Since the CFPB first announced its plan to regulate these abusive lenders a year ago, the industry has stripped \$8.9 billion from borrowers; its triple digit interest rates are a shocking instance of the poor paying more; and it further impoverishes economically vulnerable individuals and households. Ending these practices would have a tremendous impact. But the loan sharks who profit from these practices - and their friends in Washington - will resist with all their might and are spending tens of millions to do it.

For more about AFR and its work, see the video with Senator Elizabeth Warren posted at defenddoddfrank.org. Learn more about this campaign at stopthedebttrap.org.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain lists and spreadsheets during a crucial time in a regulatory rule-making process;
- Support a field advocacy campaign;
- Maintain field materials such as factsheets, toolkits and web resources;
- Promoting our message by contributing to and implementing communications, new media and outreach plans; and
- Help organize and manage press and outreach events.

Qualifications: Ideal candidates will have a strong commitment to economic justice; 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, 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.

Although the position is unpaid, we offer a \$10-a-day expense stipend plus valuable, stimulating, soul-satisfying work and a crash course in public-interest advocacy, financial regulation, communications and coalition building. This is a great opportunity for individuals seeking to enter the nonprofit advocacy world. Academic credit available.

AFR is located at 1629 K Street NW in downtown Washington, and is part of The [Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights](#), which works on a wide range of issues and has a well-developed internship program, enriching the experience for all the interns who work here.

Americans for Financial Reform and The Leadership Conference are equal opportunity employers and encourage applicants who will contribute to the diversity of our staff.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, and 3 references to us at gynnie@ourfinancialsecurity.org and jose@ourfinancialsecurity.org