



BONNER FELLOWS PROGRAM

CAMPUS VOTE PROJECT (FELN)- WASHINGTON DC

PLACEMENT OVERVIEW

Fellowship Position Title: Voting Rights Fellow

Fellowship Position Summary: The Fellow will support the Fair Elections Legal Network's (FELN) advocacy, policy, research, and communications efforts. This will include research related to policy briefs on topics such as the use of new technologies to increase voter registration rates. The Fellow will also track developments and manage contacts for Campus Vote Project, a 10-state effort to encourage colleges and universities to implement policies that will reduce barriers to voting for students. In addition, the Fellow will work to create unique opportunities for Bonner schools to participate in the Campus Vote Project.

Specific Position Activities:

- 1) research on policy briefs on topics like the use of new technology in efforts to increase voter registration rates;
- 2) development of op-eds (opinion- editorial) and blog posts for FELN and Campus Vote Project; and
- 3) create unique opportunities between the Bonner Network and Campus Vote Project

Service Site: Fair Elections Legal Network (www.fairelectionsnetwork.com)

Service Site Location: 1825 K Street NW, Suite 450 Washington DC 20006

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Mission Statement: The Fair Elections Legal Network (FELN) is a national, nonpartisan advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. whose overall mission is to remove barriers to registration and voting for traditionally underrepresented constituencies and improve overall election administration through administrative, legal, and legislative reform.

Organizational Goals: FELN partners with progressive coalitions of nonpartisan, nonprofit state organizations to provide technical assistance, training, and strategic advice on election administration, voter registration, and "get out the vote" efforts. We work on college campuses to break down barriers to voting that disproportionately affect students. FELN produces policy briefs that advocate creative solutions to contemporary voting rights problems such as home foreclosures and antiquated voter registration systems. The organization's communications team supports these efforts by regularly updating the public on voter suppression legislation. Communications staff write blog posts and op-eds that advocate strategies for increasing access to democratic participation for traditionally underrepresented communities. FELN also has a robust social media program, which will help a Bonner fellow develop skills using emerging communications tools for political activism..



DESIRED CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

All Bonner Fellows

Bonner Fellows will represent some of the most standout students across the Bonner Network, ideally rising juniors and seniors with previous summer internship experience and interested in building their professional network, who demonstrate:

- commitment to the Bonner Program model and its core values (i.e. the Common Commitments);
- passion for social justice, service, and civic engagement;
- excellent organization, written and oral communication, and analytical skills;
- ability to work autonomously and in team settings;
- readiness for a capstone-level project;
- effective time management skills; and
- a motivated, focused, reliable self-starter.

RESULTS: US Anti-Poverty Policy Fellow

REQUIRED SKILLS

Research experience; Basic awareness of voting rights issues or political campaigns; Interest in writing materials for the public

PREFERRED EXPERIENCES

Experience with voter registration, an electoral campaign, or an issue-based political campaign

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS POSITION

AmeriCorps (NO): This position is ineligible for AmeriCorps, because of its focus on political advocacy.

Funding: Check with your Bonner Director and Coordinator to determine if you have any Bonner Scholar or Leader funds that could be used to assist your living costs for this summer. We recommend that all applicants aim to secure \$3500 in funding for the summer in order to live comfortably. You may need to raise some or all of these funds on your own.

Housing: You will need to relocate to Washington DC. Fellows are expected to secure and manage their own housing for the duration of the term.

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