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BPI 2012 SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI), a Chicago-based public interest law and policy center that addresses compelling issues of social justice and quality of life in the Chicago region, is hiring interns for the summer of 2012. BPI's staff of lawyers and policy specialists works to increase the availability of affordable housing for working families, transform segregated public housing, improve Chicago's public schools, and help restore open, honest, responsible, and accountable government in our state using a wide variety of approaches, including legal and policy research, advocacy, organizing, litigation and collaboration with non-profit, business, community and governmental organizations.

Interns work closely with our staff on important public interest projects in BPI's program groups: affordable housing, public housing, public education, and political reform. Interns receive excellent supervision and mentorship, the opportunity to contribute directly to solving pressing policy issues, and the chance to learn more about Chicago's ever growing public interest community.

Successful applicants will have a superior record of academic achievement, strong research and writing skills, and a demonstrated commitment to public interest work. Students at all stages of their graduate public policy or law school career, including 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and joint degree students, are encouraged to apply.

Funding

BPI is frequently able to offer summer funding assistance to legal interns through the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) program. PILI provides funding for law students to work at various public interest legal organizations in Chicago. PILI also provides an opportunity for incoming associates at many of Chicago's private firms to work part time in public interest legal organizations while they are studying for the Bar Exam.

Application

BPI makes summer internship hiring decisions on a rolling basis.

Interested students may apply through PILI at www.pili-law.org or send a resume and cover letter detailing interest in the position to internships@bpichicago.org or send materials to:

Business and Professional People for the Public Interest

Attn: Internship Coordinator

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**BPI is an equal opportunity employer.
Persons of color are strongly encouraged to apply.**