



Internships/Externships

The Sex Workers Project provides client-centered legal and social services to individuals who engage in sex work, regardless of whether they do so by choice, circumstance, or coercion. One of the first programs in the nation to assist survivors of human trafficking, the Sex Workers Project has pioneered an approach to service grounded in human rights, harm reduction and in the real life experiences of our clients. Our professional service providers are multi-lingual, non-judgmental and bring more than ten years of experience. As the only US organization meeting the needs of both sex workers and trafficking victims, the Sex Workers Project serves a marginalized community that few others reach. We engage in policy and media advocacy, community education and human rights documentation, working to create a world that is safe for sex workers and where human trafficking does not exist.

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS:

The Sex Workers Project is looking for highly motivated interns committed to advancing the rights of sex workers and survivors of trafficking. The sex workers project hires 3-4 **Legal Interns** every semester and over the summer to assist our Immigration Department or Post-Conviction Relief and General Legal Practice groups.

Immigration Legal Interns work closely with staff attorneys on a wide range of immigration cases, including T visas, U visas, asylum, VAWA, SIJS, Adjustment of Status, and Naturalization. The Immigration Law group also helps clients avoid and/or mitigate the immigration consequences of contact with the criminal justice system by advocating for our clients at arraignments and by working closely with clients' criminal defense attorneys on pending criminal matters. Additionally, the Immigration Law group offers direct representation of clients who choose to cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation and/or prosecution of their abusers or traffickers.

Post-Conviction Relief/General Legal Interns work closely with staff attorneys assisting clients with vacating their criminal convictions that are the result of human trafficking, helping clients overcome barriers to employment, and researching novel legal topics facing sex workers and victims of human trafficking. As co-authors of the first law in the nation that allows victims of human trafficking to vacate their criminal convictions that are the direct result of having been trafficked, the lawyers at The Sex Workers Project work on the cutting edge of post-conviction remedies for victims of human trafficking and sex workers alike. Applicants should have excellent writing, research, and interpersonal skills and an awareness of the systemic barriers facing our diverse client and constituent populations. Fluency in Spanish or another foreign language is especially valuable. Summer Legal Interns are expected to work full time for 10 weeks. Fall and Spring Legal Interns are expected to work a minimum of 12 hours per week for 10 weeks.

The Sex Workers Project offers **Policy, Development** and **Administrative Internships**. These interns are expected to work a minimum of 12 hours per week for 10 weeks. Policy interns work directly on our campaigns for reform at the local or federal level. Administrative interns help us maintain files and systems and generally support our work and clients. Development interns help us plan fundraising events, collect data and write grants – this internship is an excellent opportunity to develop a diverse set of fundraising skills critical to non-profit leadership.

The Sex Workers Project also hires **Social Work Interns** through Columbia and Hunter Social Work programs only – if interested, please contact your internship coordinator.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume, writing sample and two references to Robin Richardson at rrichardson@urbanjustice.org. Apply early – internships are filled on a rolling basis. People of color, transgender people, people with disabilities, and people with experience in the sex industry are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information: www.sexworkersproject.org