



NYPIRG Internship URST 308

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Hello and welcome to the NYPIRG internship. We have selected you as an intern for your potential as an effective public advocate; in particular, we hope for you to hone your skills in:

- Public speaking
- Writing for advocacy
- Media outreach
- Coalition building
- Event planning
- Time management
- Advocacy

Our past interns have helped to accomplish the following:

- Registered thousands of new voters
- Stopped tuition hikes, preventing cuts to financial aid (TAP) and opportunity programs
- Saved students money by advocating for student-friendly textbook policies
- Educated the campus by organizing forums on student loans and credit card debt
- Collected food, clothing, and money for the hungry and homeless
- Released widely cited consumer reports on toy safety and prescription drugs
- Published reports on the state of the subway

NYPIRG will work on a number of major campaigns each semester, each with a set of semester-long goals and long-term objectives. The projects we work on will include a range of organizing opportunities including planning events, working in coalitions, performing outreach and education, and receiving media coverage for the issue. Through these activities, interns will not only learn about the issue area they are working on, but they will learn public speaking, time management, persuasive speaking, research, advocacy, and writing skills as well. Consequently, our interns graduate with fuller resumes, endless resources, and great recommendations! Through this internship, you will make a positive impact on your life in school, as well as in your community.



Requirements

Activity hours: 140

Activity hours are your prime opportunity for hands on experience doing organizing work, and you are required a total of 140 hours by the end of the semester. In the NYPIRG office you will be able to meet with us about your projects, as well as make calls, research issues, create materials (flyers, banners, costumes, etc.), build and maintain coalitions, and prepare for events.

In completing the 140 hours, interns are *required* to commit some of their hour work to the following requirements:

- Conduct 8 class announcements (i.e. “class raps”)
- Participate in eight tabling events
- Attend at least three NYPIRG events
- Plan and attend Student Action Meeting (SAM)
- Coordinate at least 2 events
- Attend two citywide or statewide events (a lobby day, public hearing, or news conference, statewide student action conference, for example)
- Phonebank for at least two events

Weekly Workshops

All interns must attend weekly workshops, location and time TBA

Chapter Meetings

All interns must attend weekly chapter meetings, location and time TBA

Conclusion:

This may seem like a lot of work, but you will see as the semester goes on that everything will fall into place. Participating in student activism for credit can be a lot of fun, and the time can fly by! We want you to enjoy this class and take what you learn from it into your life. Your Project Coordinator should be utilized as a resource. We will work to give you plenty of support in your endeavors throughout the NYPIRG internship.