



LA CROSSE (WI)

Public Policy Internship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance our work to empower women and girls. With the member-endorsed Public Policy Program as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women.

Internship Description: The primary goal of the internship is to familiarize oneself with the structure, goals, and strategic mission of AAUW and to be involved in the analysis and implementation of the various government affairs activities the organization is involved in.

Duties may include:

- Providing Public Policy chair support and assistance with advocacy events (such as Equal Pay Day) as needed.
- Creating a list of resources for objective political information for young women.
- Providing data to the AAUW La Crosse branch about current important issues and what positions AAUW National has taken on them.
- Participating in any public policy and government affairs activities and meetings offered in WI to see the process in action.
- Writing public policy blog entries for AAUW La Crosse's website or newsletter.

Desired skills and academic qualifications:

- Declared major in Women's Studies, Political Science, Government Relations preferred
- Familiarity and working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook, and Excel
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to handle research assignments, work independently.

Skills and Knowledge to be Gained:

The Policy Intern will expect to gain skills and experience in the following areas:

- Ability to condense copious amounts of information into manageable bits for sharing with a wider audience
- Federal, state, and local public policy issues relating to promoting equity and education for women.
- Awareness of national non-profit organizations and national and local policy committees
- Advocacy strategy.

Remuneration:

\$50 per internship, paid at the completion of semester long internship

Along with your resume, please submit a short (1-2 paragraphs) statement about how this internship would be of value to you to aauwlacrosse@hotmail.com.