



## **SPRING AND SUMMER 2015 SIERRA CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INTERNSHIPS**

<b>POSITIONS:</b>	Spring and Summer Internships with the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program in San Francisco, CA, or Washington, D.C.
<b>TERM:</b>	Positions available for both Spring and Summer 2015
<b>HOURS:</b>	Spring 2015: part-time for 14 weeks Summer 2015: full-time for 10 weeks
<b>CREDIT:</b>	Academic credit possible, depending on your school's policy
<b>DEADLINE:</b>	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and students are strongly urged to apply early, as the positions fill quickly.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Sierra Club is the nation's leader in grassroots environmental litigation. Since *Sierra Club v. Morton*, the Sierra Club has used the courts to fight for environmental protection at the national, regional, and local levels, giving citizens the means and legal expertise to enforce our hard-won environmental laws and protect our water, air, and wilderness. The Sierra Club Environmental Law Program (ELP) develops and prosecutes the legal strategies for the Sierra Club's nationwide grassroots campaigns, which focus on promoting smart energy solutions, building safe and healthy communities, and protecting the nation's wild legacy. ELP leverages all of the Club's tools of democracy by integrating legal advocacy with grassroots organizing, sophisticated communications, a state-of-the-art digital strategies team, and administrative lobbying. With the strength of our nation's first, largest, and most powerful environmental organization, the whole truly is greater than the sum of its parts.

ELP attorneys are at the cutting edge of climate change litigation. We work with our allies to reduce the environmental and public health degradation that flows from the lifecycle of fossil fuel use, ranging from destructive mining and fracking to combustion to disposal. At the same time, we advocate for the expansion of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. In the past few years alone, we have achieved tremendous public health and climate change benefits for many communities, including in particular for those engaged in environmental justice struggles.

ELP seeks law students passionate about public interest environmental litigation to assist with our strategic lawsuits. Interns work on all aspects of litigation, including undertaking legal research, preparing written memoranda, and conducting factual investigation. Depending on the cases to which our interns are assigned, students may also draft notice letters, briefs and other pleadings, attend court appearances, and work on discovery. During the course of the program, students typically work with several of the Club's attorneys, thus gaining exposure to a wide range of litigation styles. Our interns are encouraged to participate during weekly legal team meetings where we discuss our dockets and strategy.



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The Sierra Club values diversity in our staff. We believe:

- Diversity is a conservation necessity and a social imperative that will enable the Sierra Club to continue as a leader of the environmental movement.
- Like a healthy ecosystem, our differences strengthen us in our efforts to preserve and protect the natural and human environment.
- Diversity fosters greater involvement of all persons and organizations that share our vision for a healthy planet.

Our vision is for the staff, volunteer leaders, members, and supporters of the Sierra Club to reflect the communities of our nation. Find out more about diversity at the Sierra Club here: <http://www.sierraclub.org/diversity/>

**QUALIFICATIONS:** We look for candidates with excellent writing, research, and analytical skills, as well as solid interpersonal skills. An environmental law background is preferable, but not a requirement.

**TO APPLY:** Send a cover letter, resume, references, writing sample, and law school transcript<sup>1</sup> to:

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Please clearly indicate to which office(s) you are applying, along with any preference.  
Electronic applications compiled into one pdf preferred.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <http://www.sierraclub.org/environmentallaw/>

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<sup>1</sup> First-year students applying for a Summer 2015 internship should supply a transcript as soon as it becomes available and should indicate on their applications when grades are expected.