

Spring 2017 Legal Internship in NY (Democracy Program)

The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law is a nonpartisan public policy and law institute that focuses on improving the systems of democracy and justice in the United States. Among our core priorities, we fight to protect voting rights, to address the challenge of special interest money in our politics, to end mass incarceration, and to advance Constitutional protections in the fight against terrorism. A singular institution – part think tank, part public interest law firm, part advocacy group – the Brennan Center combines scholarship, legislative and legal advocacy, and communications to win meaningful, measurable change in the public sector.

The Democracy Program seeks to perfect the ideal of representative self-government by advocating for public policies and institutions that reflect a diverse, engaged, and energetic democracy. The Program collaborates with grassroots groups, advocacy organizations, and reform-minded government officials to promote policies that eliminate barriers to full and equal political participation.

Project areas include work on voting rights (including the rights of students and people with felony convictions); reform of election administration (including voter registration modernization, ballot design, and defensive work against photo ID and other practices likely to suppress the vote or have a disproportionate impact on communities of color); campaign finance reform at the federal, state, and local level; and protecting the independence, impartiality, and integrity of the courts.

Position: Each semester, the Brennan Center will host law students to work on current and cutting edge legal issues. Students receive one-on-one supervision of their legal work by lawyers on our staff. Legal interns are not compensated by the Brennan Center for their internships, but we can help accommodate coursework requirements upon request. We strive to offer a fun and intellectually-challenging legal intern experience that supports and supplements the vital advocacy offered by the Brennan Center. Our research, policy development, and advocacy focus on systemic reform that combats discrimination and inequality and promotes civic participation. Interns assist attorneys with litigation, scholarship, public education, legislative counseling, and advocacy, with an emphasis on legal research and writing. The Brennan Center's interns are integral to all aspects of our work, including programmatic and strategic planning.

Qualifications: Excellent legal research, analysis, and writing skills; initiative, imagination, and versatility; and a passion for our issues. This position is only open to current law school students.

How to Apply: Interested students should go to www.brennancenter.org/Employment and upload, as a single document (where it says "attach resume")

- a cover letter
- a current law school transcript
- a legal writing sample of up to 10 pages
- a current resume

- contact information for three references

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, and decisions will be made as soon as an appropriate candidate is identified. We will only accept applications submitted through this website. If you have difficulty uploading these items as one document, e-mail them to brennancenterjobs@nyu.edu, with “Spring Legal Internship – Democracy Program” in the subject line. We accept applications and will fill positions on a rolling basis through December 15, 2016.

The Brennan Center, an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, is strongly committed to diversity and welcomes applicants of all races, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations, gender identity and expression, including people who have been previously incarcerated.