



Intern Program AY 2019-2020

The Center for Effective Lawmaking seeks to advance the generation, communication, and use of new knowledge about the effectiveness of individual lawmakers and legislative institutions in Congress. We envision a Congress comprised of effective lawmakers, strong institutional capacity, and the incentive structure needed to address America's greatest public policy challenges. (www.thelawmakers.org)

Based on the research and creation of a revolutionary Legislative Effectiveness Score ("LES") by Professor Craig Volden (UVA) and Professor Alan Wiseman (Vanderbilt), the Center was established in 2017 to advance awareness and ongoing research on this topic. Today, faculty affiliates nationwide are engaged in numerous and diverse public policy projects related to the work at the CEL.

The Center is in need of 2-3 interns for the Academic Year (September 1, 2019 – June 1, 2020). Details are as listed below.

If applicants are requesting internships for only one semester, please make this clear in a cover letter. Otherwise, it will be assumed that applications are for the Academic Year in its entirety.

Hours per month: 8-10

Interns will report to Allison Carter, Operations Director of the Center for Effective Lawmaking. Interns will also support Professor Craig Volden and Professor Alan Wiseman (Vanderbilt University).

Roles and Responsibilities:

Research Support

- Write blog posts on relevant political and policy topics
- Interview and highlight Faculty Affiliates and their work on our website
- Help maintain routine communication with the offices of high scoring members as assigned
- Identify potential faculty affiliates and their roles at the Center
- Contact staff of new lawmakers to provide support and new member material

Development & Awareness Support

- Prepare briefings and presentations for development meetings with important prospects
- Assist with development and fundraising events
- Help with online giving and promotion, including a campaign around Hoos Giving in April (spring semester)
- Identify and potentially approach potential corporate partners regarding events

Marketing Support

- Pitch articles, appearances, and editorials to major media networks
- Identify for amplification relevant scholarly work, especially those of our faculty affiliates and grant recipients
- Effectively leverage our Twitter account to increase awareness of our work
- Assist with management of emails and segmented lists in Salesforce
- Identify and plan opportunities for the Center to increase visibility and work around Grounds

Event Support

- Assist in the planning of our 3rd annual research conference, to be held at Vanderbilt University in June 2020
- Identify speakers for the Center
- Identify community and University audiences for CEL awareness presentations
- Help design and create marketing material for CEL events as needed

Interested applicants should send a resume and a brief essay (600 words) describing why they believe this work is relevant to Allison Carter (alb3v@virginia.edu) by August 30, 2019.

For questions about this program, email thelawmakers@virginia.edu or call 434-924-7064.