



**Center for
Effective Lawmaking**
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2020 Public Policy Summer Intern

Location: Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Center Information:

The CEL is a joint partnership between Vanderbilt University and the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia. It was created in 2017 to advance the generation, communication, and use of new knowledge about the effectiveness of individual lawmakers and legislative institutions in Congress. The research and engagement work of the Center is featured at www.thelawmakers.org.

The Center's activities revolve around the three broad categories of identification, cultivation, and accountability.

In the area of identification, we conduct research and partner with good governance organizations to identify the characteristics and backgrounds of people who are most likely to be effective upon running for and being elected into Congress. In the area of cultivation, we explore how to improve the effectiveness of those already elected. In the area of accountability, we continue to produce and refine our legislative effectiveness scores and assess the extent to which voters make electoral decisions based on lawmaker effectiveness.

Intern Responsibilities:

The CEL seeks a summer intern with leadership and public policy interests to support the work of Prof. Alan Wiseman (Vanderbilt) and Craig Volden (University of Virginia) and to advance the work of the Center in areas such as:

- Develop activities to bridge the “generation, communication, and use” of CEL research.
- Routinely interact with offices of new members of Congress and high-scoring members.
- Identify relevant content to share on our social networks.
- Help pitch opinion pieces and editorials to major media networks.
- Identify speakers for the Center for Effective Lawmaking.
- Assist with research as assigned.

To Apply

Email a cover letter and resume to CEL Operations Director Allison Carter (alb3v@virginia.edu). Contact Ms. Carter with any additional questions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but filled as soon as the right candidate is hired.