



Summer 2009 Research Internships Available

The mission of the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy is to promote women's leadership by providing quality education, conducting research that makes a difference in women's lives, and serving as a resource for the empowerment of women from diverse communities across the Commonwealth, New England, and the nation. While our research agenda is designed to be responsive to the circumstances and needs of women in Massachusetts and New England, many of the policy issues that guide our work have national significance. The Center's primary areas of expertise focus on the political representation of women and a range of public policy issues that are important to women. Our research directly addresses the intersectionality of gender, race/ethnicity, and social class by examining issues that are relevant to diverse communities of women.

Possible projects/responsibilities of intern:

1. Provide research assistance on a variety of ongoing or potential research projects on issues of concern to women including:
 - a. political representation and influence
 - b. status of women in Massachusetts
 - c. gender and race/ethnicity of state and local government officials
 - d. health care and women's health
 - e. women in prison
 - f. women and substance abuse
 - g. women's economic security
2. Help coordinate fall women's research forum
3. Assist in development of fact sheets, policy briefs and research reports
4. Update funding database; help identify relevant grant programs
5. Engage in grant and proposal writing

Anticipated skills to be gained through internship:

1. Expanded knowledge of various policy and political issues facing women
2. Improved writing and verbal communication skills
3. Familiarity with project management in academic research setting
4. Development of grantwriting skills
5. Understanding of connection between research and policy change/development

Preferred skills/experience expected of intern:

1. Graduate student preferred but advanced undergraduate eligible
2. Interest in social science research (quantitative and/or qualitative)
3. Strong written and verbal communication skills
4. Self-directed and able to work independently and as team member
5. Familiarity with or capacity to learn basic database and research software program(s)

Research interns generally commit to a 9-12 month internship period and work an average of 12-20 hours a week; shorter-term internships may be available. Interested applicants should submit a résumé and cover letter to the Center's Research Director, Christa Kelleher, Ph.D.: christa.kelleher@umb.edu. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Kelleher at 617.287.5530.