

Social and Education Policy Research Student Internship Program

The Social and Education Policy Program at the Public Policy Center provides undergraduate and graduate students with training, experience, and mentoring in the context of faculty-driven policy research projects.

Interns engage in a wide range of tasks including:

- providing literature reviews of academic and policy scholarship
- writing research reports and policy briefs
- analyzing student survey data
- producing tables, graphs and figures for reports and presentations
- designing and delivering presentations
- assisting in the evaluation of programs and policies

In this semester-long internship, students are matched to current faculty projects based on interest and availability. The majority of student interns over the past year have worked under the guidance of Dr. Sarah Bruch working on the community research partnership project with the Iowa City Community School District. This project provides the District with an assessment of school climate and student experiences, and supports the implementation and evaluation of policies and programs designed to address the racial and socioeconomic disparities in the District. Interns collaborate with the project team by attending regular meetings and completing tasks as assigned.

The internship requires that students commit to working 10 hours a week for the 15 weeks of the semester. Students can choose whether to get internship course credits or be paid a monthly stipend as compensation. Student interns are provided with a work station at the Public Policy Center located on the second floor of the South Quad building. There is no prerequisite for the internship, and students can apply during any year of study (e.g. freshman to senior).

For more information regarding the internship, contact Social and Education Policy Research Program Director Sarah Bruch at sarah-bruch@uiowa.edu.

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