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LEAP Internship Posting -- Fall 2020

Description

The [Law Enforcement Action Partnership \(LEAP\)](#) is a nonprofit organization of police, judges, prosecutors, and sheriffs who support criminal justice and drug policy reforms to make communities safer. LEAP elevates the voice of law enforcement in support of reform by arranging media interviews and in-person presentations for our team of over 200 law enforcement speakers across the country. Our speakers work on policy change from marijuana legalization to bail reform, police accountability, restorative justice, racial disparities, and mass incarceration.

LEAP is seeking an intern to report directly to the Program Director, Amos Irwin. The intern would ghost-write OpEds for speakers (see for example [this one](#)), assemble briefs on criminal justice issues and promising solutions, and find potential law enforcement recruits and partner organizations.

This internship, as with our entire organization, is remote-- we communicate by video conference (in general, not just due to COVID-19). The intern could work from anywhere. We would "meet" frequently over the phone and video, and we would also arrange additional video meetings related to the intern's area of interest.

Normal fall internship hours are 10-20 hours per week for 8-10 weeks. We are flexible -- if you prefer a different schedule, please mention it in your cover letter. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a stipend for the fall.

Qualifications

- Strong concise writing skills, from single-paragraph position statements to one-page policy briefs.
- Demonstrated interest in drug policy or criminal justice reform, from coursework to extracurriculars
- Demonstrated ability to conduct independent projects with minimal supervision
- Spanish fluency a plus
- LEAP is an equal opportunity employer. We value diversity in the workplace and encourage you to address your own background in your cover letter.

Application Guidelines

Please submit a **resume**, **cover letter**, and **writing sample** to Amos@LawEnforcementAction.org with Internship Application: [Your Name] in the subject line. Please tailor your resume and cover letter to show how you meet the qualifications above. The cover letter should go more in-depth into key experiences, rather than simply repeating all the information in the resume.

Writing sample

Our ideal writing sample would be a one-page article, policy brief, or persuasive speech trying to persuade an audience on a specific policy topic related to our work. We know many students do not have such a sample available, and we do not expect you to write a sample just for us. So please submit a sample of your writing that you think best fits these guidelines:

- Shorter is better
- Persuasive writing focused on a lay audience is more helpful than an academic essay
- Focusing on a specific issue is better than providing a general summary
- The closer the topic is to our work—policy change on a criminal justice or drug policy issue—the better
- Informality is fine, but the sample should be concise—every word should count.

Deadline: Submit as soon as possible, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.