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Internships Available

The Los Alamos Study Group seeks two qualified, enthusiastic upper division or graduate students to work with us during the spring 2012 semester.

Applicants must arrange course credit, either through the University of New Mexico Peace Studies Program or another relevant UNM program, department, or major.

These internships entail 10 hours of work per week, all during ordinary working hours, at the Study Group office near UNM Law School for 15 weeks out of the semester. Thanks to a matching grant from the A. J. Muste Memorial Institute, the Study Group can provide a \$500 stipend for each internship.

The Study Group is very actively engaged in a number of nuclear weapons, defense policy, and related budgetary issues on Capitol Hill, in two federal courts, and elsewhere. We work closely with administration officials, weapons experts, congressional staff, United Nations staff, non-governmental organizations, our attorneys, and journalists.

These two interns will assist the Study Group in expanding and amplifying our outreach to members of Congress, journalists, and political leaders in New Mexico. They are highly responsible positions that can make significant contributions to nuclear disarmament. Prior issue knowledge is not required.

It is a propitious moment in nuclear history. Many more opportunities have recently opened for us than we have had time to seize. We therefore are seeking mature individuals to help us do so, and in the process assist the U.S. to make a successful transition away from an aggressive nuclear weapons posture and toward nuclear disarmament.

The Study Group is an entirely non-partisan, non-profit educational organization that works well with widely-differing individuals inside and outside government. We aspire to accuracy rather than propaganda. We are a highly technical organization and attention to detail is necessary.

Experience, Education, Skills

These internships will be as rewarding as they are challenging. Interns will gain not just experience in nuclear weapons policy and related issues but also knowledge and skills relevant to citizen intervention and organizing in any arena of public policy.

Past interns have gone on to a variety of graduate programs or to jobs in disarmament and nonproliferation at the Department of Energy and the United Nations. While here with us, our interns have built coalitions, helped pass local ordinances, and prepared significant publications.

The Study Group's husband-wife staff team, together with our supportive and experienced board of directors, provides balance, maturity, and extensive activist and technical experience. The working environment is warm and focused.

To Apply

Candidates will be in their last two years of college, or in graduate school. Applicants must relate well to people with a diversity of perspectives and show some combination of particular skills, relevant experience, enthusiasm, and overall maturity. Candidates of all adult ages are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants should write a letter of application of one page or less to Trish Williams-Mello at twm@lasg.org. Further information about the Study Group is available at our web site.