

## 2022 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Los Angeles | Sacramento | Oakland

The Western Center on Law & Poverty is pleased to announce two paid summer internship opportunities. Each summer internship at Western Center is paid, and compensation will be approximately \$7,000. Given the current public health and economic crises, law clerks will likely begin the internship by working remotely and will be supervised from either our Los Angeles or Sacramento offices.

For over 50 years, Western Center on Law and Poverty has fought to secure housing, healthcare, a strong safety net, and racial and economic justice for all Californians living with little to no incomes. Founded in 1967, Western Center brings about system-wide change through impact litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy with the state and federal governments and support for the state's local legal aid programs and community-based organizations. Western Center represents the interests of low-income Californians before the state legislature, the courts, and government agencies. For more information, please visit our website: [www.wclp.org](http://www.wclp.org).

Legal interns will gain significant experience conducting anti-poverty legal research, writing, and advocacy and will work closely with Western Center advocates on litigation, policy advocacy, and supporting our legal aid and community-based partners. We also endeavor to provide experiential opportunities for law clerks to attend trainings, oral arguments, and other events within the organization and with others in the public interest community.

The successful candidate will: have a commitment to anti-poverty advocacy and racial justice, be proficient in legal and policy research, and have strong critical thinking skills.

### To Apply

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please email a cover letter, resume, and three references to [internships@wclp.org](mailto:internships@wclp.org). Please ensure that your cover letter contains a response to the following prompts:

- To promote equity and inclusion and to further our mission, Western Center is committed to fighting poverty through racial justice. We also strive to maintain a diverse staff and create an inclusive and respectful workplace. Please explain how you think your personal or professional experience or background has prepared you to contribute to a work environment with a strong commitment to equity and inclusion.
- We strive to provide our clerks with experiential learning in all of our areas of work. Please indicate whether you have a particular subject area preference (health care, housing, or public benefits and economic justice) and whether you are interested in gaining experience focused more on litigation or legislative advocacy.
- If you have another source of funding for your summer internship, would you be willing to forgo Western Center funding so that another student with need may be able to benefit from the stipend?

*Western Center strives for an equitable and inclusive workforce and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Western Center strongly encourages applications from persons of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, persons with disabilities, and persons from other underrepresented groups whose background may contribute to effectively representing low-income people and underserved communities in California.*