



Internships with Strong Schools Maryland

General Overview

Candidacy for an internship with Strong Schools Maryland is indicative of an individual's personal commitment to the attainment of educational equity for students, as well as to building power with school communities. An internship experience with Strong Schools Maryland will put participants in spaces to learn from a large swath of intergenerational partners and experts from around the state. It is an exciting opportunity to complicate everything "known" about public education, public policy, power building, and politics.

For Partner Organizations

Strong Schools Maryland seeks to contribute to the capacity of our partner organizations and the communities they serve as a routine aspect of working together (i.e., offering resume critiques, mock interviews, speaking engagements, informal training, etc).

Internship Opportunities

Candidates should be available for about 20 hours each week. Each internship runs for 12-15 weeks with the possibility of some irregular evenings/weekend hours, particularly during the Legislative Advocacy and Organizing Internship.

Further detail about each internship opportunity is listed below:

1. Policy Advocacy and Organizing Internship: Fall Semester

Description: Strong Schools Maryland Policy Advocacy and Organizing Interns will work under the guidance of staff to support policy advocacy and organizing initiatives.

Objectives & Learning:

- Policy Advocacy (7 hours/week)
 - Monitor policy implementation in specified region of Maryland
 - Contribute to development of state legislative agenda
 - Attend meetings
 - Support staff in meeting with elected officials
- Organizing (10 hours/week)
 - Lead a Team of 10 on home campus
 - Meet with Team Leaders and allies across the state to determine policy needs
 - Aid in Team Leader recruitment and training
 - Support team members in navigating the General Assembly's processes to make their voices heard
- Nonprofit Administration (3 hours/week)

- Support organizational systems-building and maintenance
- Administrative duties as assigned

2. Legislative Advocacy and Organizing Internship: Spring Semester

Description: Strong Schools Maryland Legislative Advocacy and Organizing Interns will work under the guidance of staff to support legislative advocacy and organizing initiatives.

Objectives & Learning:

- Legislative Advocacy (10 hours/week)
 - Support Strong Schools Maryland's efforts in the Maryland General Assembly
 - Conduct research, including monitoring hearings
 - Track legislation aligned with state legislative priority agenda, draft and submit testimony
 - Accompany staff meeting with elected officials
- Organizing (7 hours/week)
 - Lead a Team of 10 on home campus
 - Assist with communicating information about the progression of priority legislation to Team Leaders and allies
 - Coordinate testimony
 - Execute legislative strategy
- Nonprofit Administration (3 hours/week)
 - Support organizational systems-building and maintenance
 - Administrative duties as assigned

For more information or to establish a partnership, please contact Strong Schools Maryland at hello@strongschoolsmaryland.org with the subject line "Internship Partnership".