

Public Affairs & Political Affairs

Over the course of an eight-week paid internship in the summer of 2021, Emerson Collective will catalyze an extraordinary and talented group of college students through mentorship, enriching programs, and meaningful work experience.

Selected Interns will work out of the Emerson Collective offices in Palo Alto, California or Washington, DC. Those interning with XQ will be based in Oakland, California. Placement locations will be determined by the internship and we are unable to accommodate adjustments.

Areas of focus include, but are not limited to, communications, project support, events, policy, and research. Summer interns will also participate in weekly programming designed to develop leadership capacity and build out professional networks.

Scope

The Political Director and Senior Director of Public Affairs seek an intern to assist in the implementation and development of high-impact strategies in support of Emerson Collective's core social tenants. This includes coalition building, political outreach, research, project development and the management of stakeholder relationships at the national, regional, state, and local levels across a variety of issue areas including immigration, community building, arts and culture, policy, and the environment. The intern will also implement and execute smart, high-impact integrated and strategic communications and public affairs strategies that extend our influence, media coverage, coalition development, message, digital presence and stakeholder relationships at the national, regional, state and local levels across a variety of our issue areas. The intern should be interested in a wide variety of social and cultural issues, ready to dive into work, and be creative at approaching problems and finding solutions. Ideally, the intern should have experience in research and information gathering, interest in writing, including drafting social and press materials, a general grasp of current events, an eye for detail, and an energy to learn and grow in a fun and interactive environment. Previous political and/or government internships or public affairs internships

preferred. The Political & Public Affairs intern will work at the Emerson Collective offices in Washington DC.

Qualifications

- All interns may encounter sensitive information and are expected to maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality.
- Flexible and adaptive work ethic; all interns will contribute to special projects across different teams as they arise.
- Competent problem solving and confident self-starting skills
- You're passionate about social impact, particularly fighting poverty, improving schools, making government work well for all, environment, and/or immigrants' rights.
- You're intellectually curious. You love learning new things. You learn quickly and independently. You respond to new ideas, projects, and tasks with enthusiasm and a sense of possibility.
- You're creative and resourceful when solving problems or completing tasks.
- You have exceptional organization skills. You have strong prioritization skills, including time management and project management skills, and always follow through.
- You have excellent written and oral communication skills, including the ability to develop materials for internal and external audiences. You can communicate complex information clearly and concisely with everyone in the organization and with external stakeholders.
- You maintain a team-oriented approach and thrive in entrepreneurial, dynamic environments. You're comfortable taking on new tasks or projects with little direction and adjusting course quickly in response to feedback.
- You have high standards for accuracy, quality, and integrity.

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Location

- Washington, District of Columbia

Compensation

This is a paid internship that offers both housing and travel stipends.

Questions

Please direct any questions to internship@emersoncollective.com

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