



Law Student Internships – Summer 2016

Based in Vancouver, the BC Civil Liberties Association is one of Canada's most active civil liberties organizations. For over 50 years, the BCCLA has been working to protect and promote civil liberties and human rights in British Columbia and across the country. The BCCLA engages in public interest advocacy through litigation, policy reform, public education and outreach, and casework. We work both at an institutional, systemic level and provide direct assistance through casework. The BCCLA works on a range of issues, including the exercise of fundamental rights and freedoms, human rights, criminal justice, drug policy reform, patients' rights, privacy, national security and police accountability.

Over the summer, we offer a formal student internship program to introduce law students to the BCCLA's public interest advocacy work. Students work in all of our program areas and assist us in litigation, public education, research and outreach. **In summer 2016, we will be hosting students to work full-time for a minimum 12-week period.** Students will work directly with our staff and be based on-site at our office. Law students who have completed at least one year of law school are invited to apply.

The BCCLA is unable to guarantee funding for summer student internships. We encourage students to seek funding from other sources, including fellowships and bursaries, or to obtain course credit for their placement with the BCCLA. **Please note that internships will not be confirmed until funding or course credit has been secured.**

How to Apply

Complete applications include a cover letter, resume, current law school transcripts, a legal writing sample and contact information for two references. Students in their 1L year should also submit a copy of their undergraduate transcripts.

Please email the complete application to carmen@bccla.org, using "Legal Internship Summer 2015" as the subject line. The deadline for applications is **December 1, 2015**. However, we will accept and evaluate applications on a rolling basis. Students with a strong interest in joining us are encouraged to apply early.

For more information about the BCCLA's summer internship program, please contact Carmen Cheung at carmen@bccla.org.