



Climate Advocacy Intern / Campus Leader

ABOUT CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)'s mission is to create the political will for a sustainable climate and to empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power. CCL is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with educational programs and lobbying activities (designations of 501c3 and 501c4). To solve the climate crisis our methods include education on the science, economics, politics, and public awareness surrounding climate change. CCL works by training citizens in the skills needed to affect change. We meet with Congressional leaders, write letters to the editors of national and local newspapers and attend monthly national conference calls. Most importantly we are action-oriented. Our goal is to match what scientists tell us with practical solutions that can be enacted legislatively. To learn more, visit citizensclimatelobby.org.

Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

POSITION PURPOSE

The purpose of this internship is to empower students to become effective climate advocates and organizers in their communities. With support from CCL staff and higher ed allies, interns educate themselves and others in advocacy skills, lead a group, and build political will for carbon pricing. Please read testimonials and more info about the program at citizensclimatehighered.org/campus-leaders.

LOCATION

College and university campuses throughout the United States

TIME COMMITMENT

The commitment for this internship is 2 or 3 semesters. The intern typically devotes 5 hours a week for the first semester, and 10 hours a week in the second semester as they launch their campaign/chapter.

BENEFITS

- No payment is provided.
- Training in climate communication, political advocacy, community organizing and earn a certificate in climate advocacy.
- Free registration to CCL's climate conferences in Washington DC.
- Priority consideration for CCL scholarships and fellowships.
- Invitations to events from our partner organizations.
- Students can apply to earn 1 credit from their school.

INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

The overall goal is to start a CCL chapter or climate campaign after a semester of training.

First semester/summer

- Participate in the [Climate Advocacy Certificate Program](#), a 15 week (2 hours a week) training.
- Write and publish a letter to the editor on climate change.
- Take advocacy actions via social media.
- Join a lobby meeting with members of Congress.
- Conduct preliminary research on starting a climate organization on campus.
- Complete administrative steps to start a student climate organization.
- Have a semi-weekly call with a regional fellow.
- Attend all higher education action team monthly calls.
- Attend monthly meetings with local chapter or the online national call.

Second and third semester

- Start a CCL chapter or climate campaign on campus.
- Organize one outreach event such as a presentation, film showing, or tabling.
- Organize at least one advocacy action such as a lobby meeting, letter writing campaign, endorsement, traditional media, or social media campaign.
- Recruit members to the group.
- Hold regular meetings as a group.
- Have support calls with regional fellow, other campus leaders, and CCL local chapter leader.
- Attend monthly meetings with local chapter or the online national call.
- Attend all higher education action team monthly calls.

More information and resources can be found in the [Campus Leaders Manual](#).

DESIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Passion for climate action and social justice.
- Prior leadership experience with a student organization.
- Organized, responsible, and goal oriented.
- Mature, self-directed, able to work independently.
- Able to juggle school, work, and activism.
- Enjoys working with and motivating other students to climate action.
- Positive attitude and confidence interacting with people.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited higher education institution.

TO APPLY

Please apply by filling out this [Google Form](#). Deadline for Spring 2022 is November 30 and for Summer 2022 is March 31.