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Summer 2025 Impact Interns Position Description

Organization Information

Organization Name: The FORUM on democracy

Address: 14919 Berryville Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-3501

Organization Website: theforum.us.org

Organization Description: The Forum on Democracy is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded by a group of individuals with government and academic backgrounds. We have been studying and discussing the state of America: "How did we come to this state of affairs?" and "Are there ways to right our ship-of-state?" One of our main concerns is the lack of communication between our leaders and those they lead. The Founders believed in the wisdom of the American people and in the idea that their voice must be heard and heeded by those in power. *Today, that voice is not being heard.*

Position Logistics

Intern Preference: No preference

Start and End Date: ASAP May 2025 through summer (flexible)

Hours per Week: 20+ (flexible)

Number of Weeks: 10-12 weeks (flexible)

Expected Daily Hours: Flexible mainly Zoom meetings and work around your schedule research and social media development

Important Availability Dates: July for Conference

Location: Hybrid of in-person and remote work (1 in-person day each week)

Position Information

Core Technical Skill Set:

- Social Media - includes developing social media content, tracking engagement, and creating an online presence
- Research - includes academic research, landscape analysis, and compiling recommendations and issue histories

General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with development team on CITIZEN E-Zine
- Journalism interviews for stories
- Recommendations for evolution of classic magazine format to interactive, immersive portal
- Assist with research on other democracy-oriented organizations
- Developing conference logistics
- Research and editing of stories and book reviews on democracy and community civic involvement

Specific Deliverable(s):

Creation of a MEDIUM of interactive two-way communications from the tired and dysfunctional media channels that undermine democracy. Work with team members who have deep experience in government, with Silicon Valley Founders, Cybernetics, Systems & Design pioneers.

We are looking for an intern that thinks and sees differently using skills from journalism, anthropology, technology learning interfaces. You will interface each Wednesday from 1-3 with the executive team in reviewing progress in launching the CITizen E-Zine and our technology learning portal.

Qualifications:

- Anthropology, Journalism,
- Willing to learn and works hard on the CITIZEN E-Zine which will provide access to tools, ideas and networks for systemic change in our socio-cultural-political META levels of American Society

Preferences:

- Multitasking
- Thinks differently, deeply and has a curious mind
- This is NOT about psychology or individualistic therapeutics but how to change the American Experiment in Governance over a decade
- Skilled in social media and will work with a team on advanced technology for Collective Intelligence

Physical Demands of Position: N/A