INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Summer Internship

Schedule: Flexible, May/June through August/September, Monday – Friday (with possibility of extension)

Reporting to: Associate Program Director, Climate & Environmental Justice

Organizational Background

Founded 50 years ago, the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) is a pioneer coalition of over 300 socially responsible investors including faith-based communities, labor unions, and others who leverage their investments to hold corporations accountable for the social and environmental impacts of their operations. Our membership collectively represents over $500 billion in invested capital.

ICCR members and staff engage hundreds of multinational corporations annually to promote more sustainable and just practices because we believe in doing so, companies will secure a better future for their employees, their customers, and their shareholders. We do this through ongoing engagement and dialogue with corporate management on a range of social and environmental issues that impact communities in the U.S. and globally, as well as by filing shareholder proposals, which are publicly presented at companies’ shareholder meetings.

In the Fall of 2020, ICCR launched an initiative focused on Climate Lobbying, to encourage public companies to align their corporate lobbying and their trade association memberships with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Investors concerned about the possibility of disastrous planetary warming are pressing companies to act quickly to adopt decarbonization commitments and climate policy positions that will foster climate stabilization and a just transition. ICCR’s initiative is designed to support shareholders in this work.

Position Summary

ICCR is seeking college/university undergraduate and graduate/law students with a passion for climate solutions and sustainability. The Intern will assist the Associate Program Director, Climate Change & Environmental Justice Program, with company-level research and analysis of corporate lobbying positions and trade association memberships, with an eye to supporting investor engagements. Investors are engaging both leaders and laggards on climate lobbying alignment and disclosure, and the climate lobbying team, of which the intern will be a member, will work to produce a ‘best practices’ document to guide companies in producing enhanced
disclosure. The work in the summer of 2021 will include related planning and research to help shape and launch Year 2 of ICCR’s Climate Lobbying Initiative.

Additional assignments will include program-related support for the ICCR team.

The internship period is scheduled to run for ten weeks, from May/June through August/September (with the possibility of extension). The internship includes a stipend of $2,500 for the ten weeks. Applicants for the Summer Internship should be able to commit to 15 to 35 hours per week on average, with flexibility (some East-Coast business hours preferred).

Benefits for Intern

The Intern will make a tremendous contribution to important work of an organization that helped to found and continues to shape the corporate social responsibility movement. The Intern will learn from seasoned practitioners about the importance of shareholder activism and documenting company progress, as well as the regulatory environment and its impact on sustainability issues. Where possible, the Interns will be given the opportunity to engage with ICCR program staff (such as attending program/staff meetings and conference calls with ICCR members) to gain a better understanding of the issues and the field of corporate social responsibility.

Qualifications

- Students are welcome from a wide range of academic programs and geographies. Applicants must be an undergraduate Junior or Senior, or enrolled in a graduate/JD degree program.
- Experience with, knowledge of, and/or passion for corporate social responsibility, climate solutions, and sustainability is a plus.
- Must be self-motivated, and able to work independently.
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Interns should be organized, methodical, and possess strong time management skills.
- Computer and software knowledge – proficient in Microsoft Word (experience with Microsoft Excel and Google Workspace is a plus).

Your application should include:

- A cover letter identifying your qualifications, interests and strengths, as well as your available start date
- A resume

All documents should be sent together in one PDF document to: Esaba Hoque, Program Associate ehoque@iccr.org