

National Coalition for the Homeless Civil Rights Intern Description

Date: Summer Semester through Fall/Winter 2021

Reporting to: Brian Davis, Director of Grassroots Organizing

This is a non-compensated internship unless your college/university is offering fellowship assistance.

Date: Please respond by September 15, 2021

How to Respond: Please send a resume or background information including the school you are enrolled in and a cover letter explaining why you would like to join the NCH team as well as if you will be receiving course credit for this internship.

Fellowship Position Title: Homeless Civil Rights/Grassroots Organizing Intern 2

Fellowship Position Summary: The Homeless Civil Rights Intern will work remotely until after at least 75% of the population is vaccinated. This individual will participate in the Homeless Civil Rights workgroup to implement the goals of reducing criminalization of homelessness and monitor and report on hate crimes directed at homeless people. The intern will assist with a monthly civil rights newsletter, and work to organize homeless led groups. Assist with outreach to advocates throughout the United States. The intern will assist with updating information on the “You Don’t Need a Home to Vote” campaign to increase access to the ballot box for those experiencing homelessness. By tracking data across the country and at various locales, interns will be expected to produce reports, summaries, and articles on particular efforts to criminalize homelessness, trends, successes, or model efforts to reduce law enforcement in the distribution of social services. This intern will work to highlight the negative impacts of making it illegal to be homeless, and work to get that message out to elected officials, community leaders and the general public. Finally, the intern will work to track and report on the impact of the pandemic on those experiencing homelessness as a Civil Rights issue.

Specific Position Activities:

- a. attend weekly meetings with staff and national committee around homeless civil rights
- b. collect news stories from around the county about hate crimes and laws being enforced on people because of their inability to secure housing.
- c. contribute articles to the weekly newsletter, social media and website on civil rights, outstanding success to eliminate criminalization efforts or voting activities.
- d. gather information for a yearly report on hate crimes directed at homeless people.
- e. track local/state/federal legislation related to homelessness and poverty.
- f. highlight unsung heroes in the homeless community.
- g. track vaccinations and the impact of the pandemic on homeless people across the United States.
- h. update manuals to be used by community leaders around voting and anti-bias training materials.

Required Skills:

- a. superior research and written communication skills
- b. working in a diverse setting with all kinds of people
- c. ability to work remotely and without daily supervision
- d. ability to research news and interview individuals

Preferred Experiences:

- a. direct service with homeless/low income populations
- b. experience in writing high-level research papers
- c. experience in digital and social media writing.

Application Process:

Email to bdavis@nationalhomeless.org a cover letter and a resume or background information of no more than four total pages.

National Coalition for the Homeless

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Mission Statement: The National Coalition for the Homeless, founded in 1982, is a national network of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who were once homeless, activists and advocates, community and faith-based homeless service providers, and others committed to a single mission. That mission, our common bond, is to end homelessness. We are committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. At the same time, we work to meet the immediate needs of people who are either currently homeless or at risk of homelessness. We take as our first principle of practice that people who are currently experiencing homelessness or have formerly experienced homelessness must be actively involved in all of our work.

Organizational Goals: The National Coalition for the Homeless remains a substantive voice in the federal legislative process for people who are experiencing homelessness. In our policy advocacy, we work diligently to ensure that mainstream resources and opportunities are available to families and individuals who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. To end homelessness in the U.S., we use the following strategies to accomplish our mission: lobbying, policy analysis, litigation, public education, community organizing, research and technical assistance.