



Rebele First Amendment Internship

First Amendment Coalition Policy Intern

Interns will work with FAC staff on a range of projects by researching and drafting letters to public officials, position papers and public comments about policies or laws that affect newsgathering, access to public information or First Amendment issues. Interns also have a chance to build investigative reporting skills by conducting research and using open-government laws to obtain information. The focus will be on researching California and federal legislation, local ordinances or policies, and court rules that affect freedom of press, speech or assembly, or access to government records and meetings. Additionally, there is an opportunity to develop essential journalism skills, by tracking critical developments in the news, seeking access to public records, conducting interviews and writing about topics of interest to journalists and others. The right candidate will be interested in journalism, law or advancing the rights of journalists and the public to access public information. Applicants should be current undergraduate or graduate students interested in journalism or public policy surrounding issues that affect newsgathering and access to public information.

Tasks could include:

- Drafting public records requests
- Drafting letters to public officials or bodies
- Researching and summarizing public policy related to free speech, freedom of the press and government transparency
- Attending public meetings or court hearings and summarizing what occurred
- Contributing to educational materials for the FAC website, newsletters, social media channels (this could be through creative projects such as a quiz or more traditional written communications.)
- Conducting interviews about press freedom, government transparency and free speech topics

Applicant qualifications:

- The internship is open to undergraduate students and graduate students
- Applicants should have an interest in journalism and/or public interest work advancing press freedom and government transparency in the U.S.
- Be a clear writer
- Be able to conduct interviews and take accurate notes

FAC is able to host one Rebele intern each summer. Those interested in applying should send a resume or CV to First Amendment Coalition Executive Director David Snyder. Email FAC@firstamendmentcoalition.org.

Additional information about FAC internships and law school externs

FAC is not currently able to offer internships outside of the Rebele program. A note for law students: In 2020, FAC launched a pilot program for externs in partnership with the UC Irvine Law School Press Freedom and Transparency practice of the Intellectual Property, Arts and Tech Clinic (IPAT). A limited number of internships may be offered each year in collaboration with the Clinic. Please sign up for email alerts to be notified if additional information becomes available.