



PART-TIME PAID REMOTE 2020 FALL INTERNSHIP

NOTICE TO LAW/PRE-LAW/SOCIAL WORK/PUBLIC POLICY/CRIMINOLOGY
STUDENTS
PROTECT OUR DEFENDERS

Casework and Policy Intern

ABOUT PROTECT OUR DEFENDERS

Protect Our Defenders was founded to end the epidemic of rape and sexual assault in the military and combat a culture of pervasive misogyny, sexual harassment, and retribution against victims. We honor, support, and give voice to survivors of military sexual assault and sexual harassment – including service members, veterans, and civilians assaulted by members of the military.

We seek reform to ensure all survivors and service members are provided a safe, respectful work environment and have access to a fair, impartially administered system of justice. Our efforts are directly informed by our work with victims, survivors, and their families, as well as retired and active duty military members.

Our work includes researching and exposing dysfunction in the military training, adjudication, and Veterans Administration (VA) systems related to sexual assault and harassment; amplifying survivors' voices within the policy debate; helping survivors access appropriate services, including pro bono legal help; and supporting policy initiatives that fundamentally reform how the Department of Defense deals with rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

Interns will primarily support the Protect Our Defenders' Law Center through the Legal Services Program (LSP). Interns will provide legal casework assistance and referrals for survivors of military sexual assault and harassment who are facing challenges related to the assault. This will involve communicating directly with survivors, engaging in outreach efforts to raise awareness of the LSP, and supporting program evaluation of the LSP. Interns will also provide support to ongoing advocacy campaigns and policy issues related to military sexual assault. We have also expanded our legal services to assist those who are military sexual assault and harassment bystanders and whistleblowers.

Because we are a small organization, our interns work side-by-side with staff members and receive substantive experience on military sexual assault and harassment casework matters and policy efforts. We will work with you to ensure that this internship provides a meaningful professional experience.

We are seeking part-time interns to work 15 hours per week (though hours can be flexible). This is a paid internship. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this internship will be conducted remotely. Specific start and end dates for Fall 2020 are flexible.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage all aspects of sexual assault and harassment cases by conducting intake interviews with sexual assault and harassment survivors, engaging in follow-up communication, and researching appropriate resources
- Research and draft memoranda into current and potential military sexual assault policies, legislation, and regulations
- Support staff in the planning and implementation of outreach efforts to raise awareness of the Protect Our Defenders Law Center among military attorneys, service members, veterans, and survivors
- Assist with direct actions and campaigns
- Administrative and other support as needed

DESIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills
- Background in victim advocacy and/or sexual assault response preferred
- Commitment to public interest and social justice
- Graduate candidates preferred

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should send a brief cover letter, resume, short writing sample, and two references to Gillian Chandler, Programs and Services Manager, at gchandler@protectourdefenders.com with the subject line “[NAME] – 2020 FALL INTERNSHIP.” We are accepting applicants on a rolling basis.

Protect Our Defenders is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage and consider all applications without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, and disability.