

The National Employment Law Project  
2012 Summer Legal Internship Opportunities  
New York City, New York  
Seattle, Washington

The National Employment Law Project ([www.nelp.org](http://www.nelp.org)) is a non-profit research and advocacy organization that partners with local communities to deliver on our nation's promise of economic opportunity. We are currently seeking applications from interested law students for our 2012 summer legal internship program. With a staff of lawyers, social scientists, and policy experts, we develop new solutions to the growing economic insecurity of working families. Our approach is to work in close partnership with grassroots organizing groups and reformers to test new models in the states and then translate them to the federal level, in order to respond to the key problems of the U.S. labor market in the twenty-first century. Our work includes:

- Supporting strategies to raise minimum wage and labor standards at the federal, state, and local levels, with a particular focus on eliminating loopholes that exclude immigrants, people of color, and contingent and temporary workers from these protections;
- Developing new strategies to improve the enforcement of basic workplace rights to combat the growing number of low-wage workers who are not paid the minimum wage or overtime, endure unsafe workplaces, and face retaliation when trying to organize;
- Working with policymakers and community coalitions to develop new strategies for making economic development accountable to community needs, promoting higher standards for its delivery of living wage jobs, quality training, career ladders, affordable housing, and environmental sustainability.

Summer legal interns will assist NELP attorneys in all aspects of their work. Interns will perform legal research and writing in support of policy advocacy, litigation and community education, and will assist in drafting manuals and articles for publications. Interns may also work with NELP's National Wage and Hour Clearinghouse, a growing movement of unions, community groups, worker centers, legal services, plaintiff's attorneys and public agencies working to make headway against wage theft and the erosion of the minimum wage floor and right to overtime pay.

Interested students should submit an application (**resume, cover letter and writing sample**) via email to [internship@nelp.org](mailto:internship@nelp.org) (**subject line: 2012 Summer Internship (NYC) OR 2012 Summer Internship (Seattle)**). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Students should also indicate in their cover letter if they are applying for the Seattle or New York City position.

This internship opportunity is unpaid. However, NELP will also be hiring summer legal interns through the Peggy Browning Fund Summer Fellow Program, which provides a

total ten-week stipend of \$4,500. Eligible students interested in applying for an internship through the Peggy Browning Fund should read the Application Requirements (available at [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org)) and then submit an application package to Peggy Browning Fund and to [internship@nelp.org](mailto:internship@nelp.org) (**subject line: 2012 Peggy Browning Summer Internship (NYC) OR 2012 Summer Internship (Seattle)**).

NELP is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women, people of color, the disabled, lesbians and gay men, and people of transgendered experience are encouraged to apply.