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CCLA Summer Legal Internships

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association welcomes applicants for our (unpaid) summer legal internship positions. Interns work in CCLA's Toronto office four or five days a week, for a minimum of 12 weeks during the summer. Legal interns have the opportunity to engage in substantive legal work relating to CCLA's ongoing advocacy efforts in civil liberties and human rights. Interns work closely with the organization's lawyers on a variety of projects. The work may include monitoring human rights and civil liberties developments, researching legal and policy positions, and assisting in the development of legislative briefs and litigation materials. Interns may also have the chance to directly engage in advocacy efforts by writing letters, organizing events, and developing informational materials for the public on ongoing advocacy campaigns and current issues. Although CCLA is not in a position to fund these positions, applicants may wish to seek funds through independent, external or law school fellowships.

Qualifications:

This internship is open to law students, law graduates, and graduate students with expertise in Canadian law, public policy, political science, or other relevant fields of study. Applicants should be reliable, well-organized and self-motivated, with a demonstrated interest in civil liberties, human rights, and public policy. Strong writing skills are essential. Personal or professional experience working with non-governmental organizations is highly desirable. Bilingualism and the ability to write professionally in French is a strong plus.

To Apply:

Please email your resume, a cover letter, transcripts, and a short (800 words max) unedited writing sample to internships@ccla.org. Reference letters are not necessary, but will be accepted. Please use "Legal Internship Application" as your subject line. The application deadline is 12 PM on Monday 13 February, 2012. Only those invited for an interview will be contacted.

If you have an external fellowship you would like to apply for that has an application deadline prior to the above, please contact Noa Mendelsohn Aviv at (416) 363-0321 ex 226. More information about CCLA can be found at www.ccla.org.