

About Environment Virginia

Environment Virginia, a project of Environment America, is a policy and action group with one mission: to build a greener, healthier world. We do all we can to protect the places we love and promote core environmental values, such as clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and clean energy to power our lives. Our team of researchers, policy analysts, advocates and organizers produce the research, public education and citizen action it takes to win real results for Virginia's environment right now.

About the Internship

What do interns with Environment Virginia do? You'll help us educate and engage citizens on the most critical environmental issues of our time. You'll help us get our issues into the media, build coalitions, organize events and lobby decision-makers. Ultimately, you'll help us build the kind of public support it takes to win.

Our Campaigns

- **We're defending our environment.** Protections and programs that keep industries from polluting our air and water are under threat, harming our health, degrading our public lands, jeopardizing our oceans, and accelerating global warming. Most Americans want more, not fewer, protections for the people and places we love. Our best chance of stopping these attacks is in the U.S. Senate. We're urging our elected officials to make a stand to protect our health and the places we love.
- **We're doing our part to stop global warming.** Since 2000, we've experienced 16 of the 17 warmest years on record – including 2016, the hottest year ever recorded. Our challenge is to stop putting more carbon pollution into the air. Over the past eight years, we've taken significant steps to reduce global warming pollution from power plants as well as cars and trucks. Most recently, we campaigned to commit Virginia to a 100 percent carbon-free future by 2045. And we refuse to let this environmental progress stop. So we're working to rally millions of American citizens, along with local elected officials and other powerful voices to cut global warming pollution on the national and state levels.
- **We're working to keep our public lands in public hands and save the bees.** Our parks, forests, monuments and other public lands are a big part of what makes this country so great. They're where we go to spend time outdoors with our families and friends, to hike, bike, fish and see wild animals. Environment America is bringing people together to make preserving special places a priority. We're also working to save the bees through our Bee Friendly Food Alliance.
- **We're protecting our rivers, lakes and drinking water.** To protect our waterways we need to crack down on pollution from factory farms, sewage and other sources. And we know it won't be easy because of big opposition from developers, giant agribusiness and other polluters. We're working to harness the huge grassroots support for clean water and turn it into the political power we need to have a lasting direct impact on our waterways. We're also working to Get the Lead Out of water at schools and pre-schools so children can have safe drinking water where they learn and play.

Becoming an Environment Virginia Intern

If you agree that it's time to solve these big environmental problems, the best thing you can do to get involved is to **apply to be an Environment Virginia intern**. We're looking for students who care deeply about the environment and are ready to make a difference now.

As an intern:

- You'll learn how to analyze environmental problems, push for smart solutions, and build the public support it takes to win.
- You'll work side-by-side with one of our advocates, learning the ropes.
- And you'll attend briefings and trainings to learn even more about environmental issues and gain organizing skills.

Qualifications

- Strong communication skills- writing and public speaking
- Experience working on a campaign (not required)
- Courses in Environmental Studies, Communications, Political Science, Public Policy (not required)
- Passionate about the environment and making change
- Time commitment: 5-15 hours/week, but hours can be flexible.

To Apply: Email resume and cover letter to irix@environmentvirginia.org with the subject "Environment Virginia Internship Application."