



RESEARCH INTERNSHIP – FALL 2026

POSITION SUMMARY

Election Reformers Network (ERN) is seeking a part-time paid intern for Fall 2026 to support our research, communications, and policy work on election administration and democratic reform.

The ideal candidate is a strong writer with excellent research skills, careful attention to detail, and an interest in American politics, and the mechanics of American elections. Experience with media monitoring, data organization, or political science research is a plus but not required.

This is an excellent opportunity for an undergraduate, graduate student, or recent graduate to gain hands-on experience working on timely issues in election reform.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conducting background research on election policy and governance issues.
- Assisting with drafting blog posts, policy briefs, newsletters, and other written content.
- Monitoring news coverage and legislative developments related to elections and democracy.
- Helping maintain research databases and media trackers.
- Providing general support for ongoing projects as needed.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Strong writing and editing skills, including the ability to translate complex policy issues into clear and engaging content for different audiences.
- Excellent research, organizational, and analytical skills, with careful attention to detail.
- Ability to manage multiple assignments, meet deadlines, and maintain a high standard of quality.

- Familiarity with (or a demonstrated interest in) election policy, election administration, democracy reform, or related public policy issues.
- Sound judgment, initiative, and collaboration skills, with the ability to work effectively as part of a remote team.
- A commitment to strengthening American democracy and an ability to engage thoughtfully and constructively with people holding a wide range of political viewpoints.
- Experience with website content management, social media campaigns, data visualization, and media monitoring is a plus but not required.

POSITION DETAILS

This is a remote position with an expected commitment of 15-20 hours per week. The intern will receive a stipend in the range of \$15-\$20 per hour. The position offers flexibility to accommodate the intern's school or work schedule. The Research Intern will report to the Senior Research Fellow.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by email to info@electionreformers.org with the subject line "Application: ERN Fall Internship." Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until a candidate is selected.

ABOUT ELECTION REFORMERS NETWORK

Election Reformers Network is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) advocacy organization founded in 2017 by election experts with extensive reform experience in the U.S. and overseas. Election Reformers Network is committed to a diverse workplace, seeking voices and expertise from people from across the political spectrum. We are committed to equal employment opportunities (EEO) for all applicants seeking employment. ERN makes hiring decisions based on organizational needs, job requirements and individual qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, personal appearance, military status, gender identity or expression, genetic information, political affiliation, educational status, unemployment status, place of residence or business, source of income, or reproductive health decision making. Additionally, harassment or discrimination based on these characteristics will not be tolerated at ERN. To perform the essential functions of this position, reasonable accommodations are available to qualified individuals with disabilities.