

New Jersey State Policy Lab Internship Application

Internship description:

The New Jersey State Policy Lab is currently seeking undergraduate and master's level students for our summer 2026 internship program. This **paid**, 10-week internship program will take place four days a week (Mondays – Wednesdays onsite 9am-3pm & Thursdays remote 8:30am-12:30pm) from June 1st to August 5th at 33 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick. Students who are selected for this opportunity will research a public policy topic of their choosing. Topics could be related to the environment, education, housing, public health, transportation, the economy, or many other policy areas impacting New Jersey. This internship is heavily focused on researching public policy issues, so you must be intellectually curious and **love research**. Selected candidates will conduct a literature review, prepare an annotated bibliography, secure CITI certification for research with human subjects, draft a research blog for publication by the Policy Lab, and make a presentation to faculty, staff, family, and friends.

Interns will have the opportunity to hear more than a dozen faculty members from Rutgers (New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden campuses) discuss their research interests.

No prior experience in public policy research is required, but applicants must be passionate about a particular public policy topic and eager to conduct research.

Eligible students: Undergraduates who have completed at least two years of study and graduate students pursuing a master's degree. (This program is not intended for students enrolled in doctoral-level programs.)

Please email your completed form to policylab@ejb.rutgers.edu by Friday, March 20, 2026.

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| Student's Full Name: | <input type="text"/> |
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What is your current major/area of study?

What university or college are you attending and what degree are you currently pursuing?

When do you expect to graduate from your current program of study? (Month/Year)

What public policy topic would you like to research and why? How has your life experience informed your research interests and the project you would want to pursue for the summer? [If selected, this will be your summer research project.]

What are some keywords you can think of related to this research topic?

What research question(s) do you have to guide your summer research?

Which research skills are you most interested in improving this summer?

Describe your planned career goals. How do you see this internship helping you to reach those goals?

Please tell us about any current or past student organizations, job experience, or additional coursework, as well as any other skills, degrees, certifications, or licenses that you believe make you a prime candidate for this internship.

We are seeking a diverse pool of students in this cohort. How have your lived experiences informed your research interests/passions?:

Are you able to commit to participating in this program in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm, and working remotely on this research from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Thursdays?

Select

If "possibly," please clarify:

Please tell us the name and email address of a professor who could tell us more about why you would be a great candidate for this internship:

Thanks for taking the time to complete this form. **Please email your completed form, saved and renamed in the following format: "LastName FirstName Application"** to **policylab@ejb.rutgers.edu** by Friday, March 20, 2026.

We expect to make internship offers by Friday, April 17, 2026.

It is university policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all its employees and applicants for employment regardless of their race, creed, color, national origin, age, ancestry, nationality, marital or domestic partnership or civil union status, sex, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, disability status, liability for military service, protected veteran status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical cellular or blood trait, genetic information (including the refusal to submit to genetic testing), or any other category protected by law. As an institution, we encourage all qualified applicants to apply. For additional information please see the Non-Discrimination Statement at the following web address: <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/non-discrimination-statement>.