

**Center for Public Integrity  
Washington, DC**

**1** Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size, etc.

**The Center for Public Integrity was founded in 1989 by former *60 Minutes* producer Charles Lewis. Our current Executive Director is William E. Buzenberg.**

**The Center produces in-depth studies on issues that involve public service, government accountability and ethics. Since 1990, the Center has released more than 300 investigative reports and 15 books on money and politics, health and safety issues, conflicts of interest, international human rights, corruption, fraud, and lobbying. The Center has won numerous awards, including from Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), the Online News Association and others.**

**Intern researchers have been an integral part of the Center's success.**

**The Center currently has 25 full-time employees on staff. During the summer months, we have anywhere from 6 to 10 summer interns.**

**The mission of the Center for Public Integrity is to produce original investigative journalism about significant public issues to make institutional power more transparent and accountable.**

**To pursue its mission, the Center:**

- Generates high-quality, accessible investigative reports, databases and contextual analysis on issues of public importance.**
- Disseminates work to journalists, policymakers, scholars and citizens using a combination of digital, electronic and print media.**
- Educates, engages and empowers citizens with tools and skills they need to hold governments and other institutions accountable.**
- Organizes and supports investigative journalists around the world who apply the Center's goals and standards to cross-border projects.**
- Remains independent by building a strong and sustainable financial base of support, including a community of committed individuals and foundations.**

**The Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, non-advocacy, independent journalism organization based in Washington, D.C.**

**2** Describe **in detail** the work or project an intern will do, **please be as specific as possible**.

**The Center's summer intern program offers a unique opportunity for students to learn about investigative journalism through practical experience. Interns are assigned to specific ongoing projects and do all sorts of work, from on-line research to researching and retrieving government documents on file in government offices to database work including coding. Specific tasks are determined by the needs of the projects. In addition, there are group activities throughout the summer including field trips that are both educational and social, and guest speakers, usually highly regarded journalists, members of Congress and other well-known Washington leaders, who come to the Center to speak to them.**

**3** Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern

**Our summer interns are a collection of some of the brightest students from some of the best colleges and universities in the country. Some of the specific skills we look for are good writing skills, strong research and computer skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access), an academic background geared to the Center's purpose and activities, such as in journalism, political science, history, sociology, English, international affairs, strong verbal communication skills, a willingness to work hard, and team spirit.**

- **There are required dates for this internship. Internship must start on Monday, June 2 and end on Friday, August 8, 2008. (Note: Dates will be confirmed later.)**
- ~~Start and end dates for the internship are flexible.~~

The expected working schedule for this internship:

Begin **9:30 a.m.** End **6:30 p.m.**

Lunch break: Length--**one hour**; specific time-- **negotiable**