

VCU World Studies

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VIRGINIA ORGANIZING

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Availability: Offered fall, spring, and summer.

Internship Contact:

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Virginia Organizing is a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives. Virginia Organizing especially encourages the participation of those who have traditionally had little or no voice in our society. By building relationships with individuals and groups throughout the state, Virginia Organizing strives to get them to work together, democratically and non-violently, for change.

Intern Responsibilities:

Interns have some ability to design their own workplan. Most projects will focus on outreach to people who have little or no voice in public policy but are greatly affected by those policies. Current emphasis is on outreach to people lacking health insurance and those forced to use public transportation in Richmond. Outreach strategies may include petitioning, surveying, supervised door-to-door canvassing and other outreach methods. Ideally, outreach efforts are followed up in a manner to involve affected people in policy decision-making through ongoing organizing. Interns should come to understand the basics of community organizing through real organizing work.

Language/Skill Requirements:

- o English
- o Capacity to work effectively in a multi-cultural organization
- o The ability to work independently

Hours & Pay:

- o Hours vary.
- o Unpaid internship.

Application Process:

- o Please email bob@virginia-organizing.org. Interested students will need to contact the organization to set up an interview.