

Environmental Studies Internship Opportunity Form

Organization Name: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Organization Web Address: www.akingump.com

Physical Address: This is a remote opportunity during the semester with the potential for an onsite summer opportunity. The supervisor for this opportunity is located in New York City and our largest office is located in Washington, DC.

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Internship available these semesters (please mark one or more semesters):

Spring Summer Fall

Brief description of Your Organization:

Founded in Texas in 1945, Akin Gump has grown to become one of the world's largest law firms, with more than 900 lawyers across 20 offices around the globe, including offices in California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington, DC, operating at the intersection of public policy, business, and the law.

Akin Gump is a full-service commercial firm that focuses on a wide range of practices and industries. The firm's core areas include antitrust; commercial litigation; communications and information technology; corporate; cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection; energy; entertainment and media; environment, natural resources, and land; financial restructuring; global project finance; government contracts; health care; international trade; investment funds; labor and employment; private equity; pro bono; public law and policy; securities enforcement and litigation; Supreme Court and appellate; tax; and white collar defense and corporate investigations.

Akin Gump is regarded as one of the country's largest lobbying practices by revenue, and many politically connected people are currently with the firm, including a number of former ambassadors, members of Congress, government officials, and government advisors. The firm also boasts several practices with top 20 rankings by Vault, including Bankruptcy/Restructuring; Clean Tech/Renewable Energy; Energy, Oil, and Gas; Health Care; and Labor and Employment.

Akin Gump is a member of the [Legal Sustainability Alliance \(LSA\)](#) and the [Law Firm Sustainability Network \(LFSN\)](#).

Describe the nature/goals of the project(s):

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As part of Akin Gump's commitment to operating as a more environmentally sustainable business and reducing the firm's environmental impact, the firm is seeking a Sustainability Intern to help support its "Always Green" initiative and missions. Under the general supervision and direction of the Chief Practice Officer and members of the firm wide Always Green team, the Sustainability Intern will work collaboratively to support, implement, and promote a variety of programs, activities, and projects relating to the environmental sustainability of our operations.

At the end of the internship, students will have worked closely with firm leadership to reduce the firm's negative impacts on the environment and climate, and will come away with experience researching, consulting on and upholding corporate social responsibility in a leading, global law firm. The goal/project can be tailored based on a student's interests and the current needs of the Always Green team. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in consulting or working in-house for an organization committed to maintaining best practices for corporate environmental sustainability.

Please list required and/or desired skills and qualifications:

Key responsibilities of this co-op/internship include:

- Help gather information related to the firm's sustainability practices and create a centralized database to organize, measure and report progress across all offices.
- Assist with tracking and analyzing the firm's sustainability performance benchmarks, helping to synthesize and report key findings and recommendations to help further the firm's sustainability goals.
- Assist in implementing suggested strategies for improvement, including, but not limited to, improving upon the firm's environmental certifications and ratings.
- Help promote employee engagement for the Always Green initiative through social media and webpage contributions, as well as helping to draft internal communications.
- Research and stay up-to-date on environmental news, current events, policies and trends, including those specific to the legal industry, and help share information and suggestions with members of the Always Green team and the firm.
- Work closely with Always Green team members to advance best practices and opportunities.
- Assist with the organization and promotion of programs and events related to the Always Green initiative.
- Assist with client requests related to environmental sustainability, including working with BD/Marketing to provide proposal content.
- Support the advancement of our environmental, social and governance (ESG) & Climate Change cross-practice client initiatives as needed.

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- Attend Always Green team meetings and work in conjunction with members to complete various tasks and special projects as assigned.
- Coordinate with other departments as needed to complete tasks.
- Attend and support firm functions as needed.
- Follow specific instructions to satisfactorily complete assigned projects and tasks within designated department(s).

Qualifications (Experience, Knowledge, Skills & Abilities):

- High School diploma or equivalent required
- Bachelor's Degree or enrollment in a degree seeking program required
- Relevant professional or educational experience in Environmental Studies or related field of study preferred
- Proficiency in Excel, Outlook, Word, and PowerPoint
- Ability to recognize patterns and proactively notice opportunities for improvement
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; ability to communicate effectively and tactfully with individuals at all levels within and outside of the firm
- Ability to work independently and with colleagues located in different offices
- Strong attention to detail and ability to follow instructions with high degree of accuracy
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to prioritize work, coupled with the ability to work concurrently on a variety of projects and requests, providing a solutions-oriented approach to ensure user satisfaction
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality of client, firm and personnel information, and adhering to the Firm's Core Values
- Ability to work overtime as necessary

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