

POTENTIAL INTERNSHIP SITES

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Please contact Glenda.Walden@colorado.edu if you find that any of this information needs updating or if you wish to schedule a time to discuss the various internship opportunities. If you have any questions about the program or need an application or contract form, these can be found on our website: <https://www.colorado.edu/sociology/students/undergraduate-students/internships>

Students in the Sociology Internship Program and Certificate Programs are responsible for setting up their own internships. This includes contacting the agency, completing any necessary paperwork, interviews and training for the organization, making sure the Sociology internship coordinator (Glenda Walden) finds your location appropriate, and assuring you are scheduled to intern an appropriate number of hours (review website and application form for hour requirements).

Below is a list of potential internship locations with hyperlinks embedded in this document to webpages to begin your inquiry. The list includes organizations or businesses that have had Sociology interns in the past in addition to other potential organizations/businesses that have volunteer or internship opportunities announced related to sociological interest.

Just because an organization is on this list does not guarantee they have positions currently available; you will need to contact them to determine availability. If you have another location in mind that is not on this list, you are encouraged to contact them regarding the availability of internship positions.

If you do secure an internship at a location not on this list, please provide contact information to Glenda Walden. Many of the organizations on this list have offered remote internships during Covid-19 quarantine. Inquire with them if they are still offering remote internships if you prefer or require such.

Important Note: Many organizations refer to available positions as “**volunteer opportunities**.” Using the term internship may confuse them as it often refers to specific clinical social work practicum requirements. When you contact organizations, you should inquire about “availability of any intern, volunteer, or employment opportunities.”

This list focuses on Denver/Boulder area opportunities and organizations. It is possible to do non-local internship as the academic component can be completed on-line. Please contact the internship coordinator (Glenda Walden) for more information or if you have any questions about this.

Some questions to consider asking when contacting an organization:

- Am I speaking to (or emailing) the appropriate person (i.e. the current intern/volunteer supervisor)?
- Are there any internship/volunteer positions available and what do those positions entail?
- What hours are available for the position? (Check to see if they fill hour requirements stipulated by the Sociology Internship Program).
- Is there a required length of commitment?
- Is there an application and/or interview process? What are the applicant requirements?
- Is there a required training? When is the training scheduled?

Why we don't offer or house internships in the cannabis industry:

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act 1989 (DFSCA) provides, “as a condition of receiving funds or any form of financial assistance under any Federal program, an institution of Higher Education must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol by students and employees.”^[1] Further,

under the DFSCA, institutions of Higher Education must employ “standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of its activities.”

Dispensaries (i.e. retail shops), cultivators or manufacturers of THC infused edibles are examples of businesses that directly work with cannabis, a federally illicit drug. However, many businesses fall into a gray area including ancillary (e.g. a grow-light manufacturer) businesses, real estate leasing businesses, consumption device and consulting businesses among others.

In order to ensure compliance with federal law, Career Services and the Department of Sociology will not promote internship or work opportunities at companies that may possess or come into contact with marijuana products. Additionally, the Department of Sociology will not host internships for credit where a student may come into contact with marijuana products (including work with a company's clients, attendance at marijuana conventions, etc.).

Can't find what you are looking for?

If you cannot find an organization or internship position that sounds appealing to you on this list, please consider visiting the following websites for additional ideas:

[CU Career Services](#)

[Service Learning & Impact in Community Engagement](#)<https://www.colorado.edu/volunteer/>

[Volunteer Match](#) (through Idealist)

General Opportunity Boulder County

This is suggested as the local starting place unless you have a specific agency or organization in mind with whom you would like to work.

[Everything in Boulder County](#) (one-time and ongoing volunteer ops)

[Boulder County Volunteer Opportunities](#) (all categories)

At this site you will find categories of interest: law and criminal justice, public health, etc so you can narrow by your area of interest

ANIMALS—If you are seeking an internship as part of the Animals and Society Certificate please be in contact with Dr. Laurent Cilia

[Humane Society of Boulder Valley](#)

Location: 2323 55th Street Boulder, CO 80301

Shelter Internship includes duties such as: working in the animal kennels and veterinary clinic, assisting with event planning, human resources and administration, and ride-alongs with animal control.

[Greenwood Wildlife Rescue](#) in Lyons has internship and volunteer positions.

[Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center](#) (equine assisted activities for folks with disabilities)

CTRC offers volunteer and internship opportunities, any of which would qualify for credit

Remote work internship: [AnimalHelpNow.org](#)-a wildlife 911 app that has been in existence since 2011 (go to volunteer tab for more info and application) Click the “volunteer” button on linked page that directs to inquiry form

Director David Crawford

Possible duties: Research, image collection and writing for social media posts and [AHNow Resources page](#); participation in new initiative to develop AHNow's call center (for people who contact the organization directly versus using the app); web research on how state wildlife agencies respond to public inquiries regarding injured and orphaned wildlife; creation of AHNow wikipedia page; and research in support of AHNow's data maintenance efforts (to ensure wildlife rehabilitator listings are current).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

TGTHR (formerly **Attention Homes**) (Get Involved tab has volunteer opportunities)

Attention Homes helps teens in crisis develop into healthy members of our community by providing residential treatment, counseling, safe shelter to at-risk youth. Attention Homes currently serves four types of clientele: 1. Families with children in crisis, 2. Homeless, runaway youth, 3. Abused and neglected youth, and 4. Troubled & delinquent youth. In an average year, Attention Homes addresses the basic and emergency needs (food, housing, and health care) for an average of 100 unduplicated youth ages 12 to 18 with over 3,400 days of care.

Blue Sky Bridge

link: <https://blueskybridge.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Positions Available: Blue Sky Bridge is a child and family advocacy program. It facilitates a collaborative approach to child abuse investigations, while providing child victims and their families with support in a safe, compassionate environment.

Client Services: interns interface with clients. Duties can range from attending to the children who visit the center to being behind the scenes of the multi-disciplinary approach to child sexual abuse investigations.

Boulder Preparatory High School

Volunteer Coordinator: Lili Adeli

Location: 5075 Chaparral Street, Unit 1

Boulder, CO 80301

Phone: 720-480-3959

Link: <http://www.boulderprep.org/volunteer.php>

Casa de la Esperanza

Location: 1520 South Emery Street

Longmont, Colorado 80501 Phone: 303-678-6220

Positions Available: Administrative Intern, Tutor

The Casa de la Esperanza (House of Hope) family, farm worker housing site is owned and operated by the Boulder County Housing Authority (BCHA). Spanish language skills are not necessary but are helpful.

Goals of the program include:

- Providing secure, safe, enriching, and fun activities for the children of Casa de la Esperanza.
- Offering structured, participatory activities as an alternative to non-structured, aimless, and sometimes destructive behavior.
- Making agencies and programs in the community more accessible to the residents for eventual greater community involvement.
- Providing assistance for academic success and promoting secondary education to the limited English proficient students.

"I Have a Dream" Foundation Boulder County

Administrative and tutoring opportunities

Location: 3012 Sterling Circle

Boulder, CO 80301

Phone: 303-444-3636

Girls Rock Denver *summer* camp

Link: <https://www.girlsrockdenver.org/summer-rock-camp.html> Assist in running of summer camp program with young women creating music. Applications close mid-May of each year for the summer camp.

Girls Inc Denver

Link: <https://www.girlsincdenver.org/take-action/volunteer/>

Boys and Girls Clubs of metro Denver

Link: <https://www.bgcmd.org/volunteer/>

The Thorne Nature Project, EXPAND and Devereux Residential Treatment listed in other areas below also provide opportunities to work with youth.

There are numerous **summer** camps and sports clinic opportunities in the area. YMCA, Boulder County, and even city websites are good places to start.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/ LAW ENFORCEMENT/ LEGAL

CU Restorative Justice

CU Law Korey Wise Innocence Project

Link to volunteer application

Boulder County Criminal Justice and Public Safety Volunteer

Boulder County Justice System Volunteer

GED tutoring, Probation, District Attorney, Victims' Advocates, etc..

Boulder County Sheriff's Volunteer (including reserve and cadet programs, restorative justice and victim advocates)

Office of the State Public Defender

Longmont Public Safety Intern

Descriptions of opportunities, contacts, and application on website

Intervention, Inc Employment opportunities, most full-time. Many require at least a bachelor's but some of you may qualify for even those. Corrections and behavioral health supervisors mostly.

Boulder County B.E.S.T program Juvenile supervision (probation) contact the director named at the email or phone number usually at the bottom of the page

ENVIRONMENT

A good site with lots of links to a variety of organizations here:

<https://www.environmentalgroups.us/colorado/>

Resource Central (Conservation programs and education)

Location: 2639 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302 Phone: 303-999-3820 x218

Link: <https://resourcecentral.org/volunteer/>

Mission: To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

Vision :A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

Environment America (jobs posted here)

Environment America's mission is to transform our ideas and imaginations into change that makes our world a greener and healthier place.

[Conservation Colorado](#) offices in Denver and around state. Remote and local work possible. Even if it says no positions at this link try the “join us” link for other options or reach out at the contact.

[350Colorado](#) Mission: 350 Colorado is building a powerful grassroots movement to solve the climate crisis and transition to a sustainable future powered by clean renewable energy.

[National Laboratory of the Rockies formally known as National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#)

Location: 15013 Denver W Pkwy, Golden, CO 80401

Mission: NLR is the U.S. Department of Energy's primary national laboratory for critical minerals, energy innovation, and energy security. (Notice the shift away from renewable energy).

[CU Environmental Center](#) -Staff and volunteer opportunities

Mission: We catalyze and facilitate student leadership and ingenuity for social equity, economic vitality, and ecological resilience.

[Global Greengrants Fund](#)

Mission: Global Greengrants Fund mobilizes resources for communities worldwide to protect our shared planet and work toward a more equitable world.

Vision: Achieving global environmental justice, rooted in cultural integrity, led by communities and grassroots movements.

Location: 2840 Wilderness Place

Boulder, Colorado Phone: 303-939-9866

Paid positions on availability basis, but use form in above link to start inquiry for “volunteer or internship” positions in Boulder.

[Thorne Nature Experience](#)

Mission: To build Earth stewardship by providing youth with joyful, hands-on, place-based environmental education experiences that foster an emotional connection to nature.

Administrative, marketing, and instructional (working with school age children in nature education programs) available. Many paid summer instructional and camp positions under employment tab as well.

[Boulder Food Rescue](#)

Mission: Create a more just and less wasteful food system

Local Farms or CSAs often offer intern or volunteer positions on a seasonal basis (usually late spring through early fall). May be tricky getting your hours in for a spring or fall semester unless you are willing to work 25 hour weeks for 4-5 weeks in Aprilish or Septemberish. Reach out to Glenda to chat if you'd like support with making an option in local food growing work for you.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

[Harm Reduction Action Center](#) located in Denver. The mission of the Harm Reduction Action Center is to educate, empower, and advocate for the health and dignity of Denver's people who inject drugs, in accordance with harm reduction principles. Excellent opportunity for anyone wanting to study or work in addiction services or drug policy.

[Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center](#) (equine assisted activities for folks with disabilities)

CTRC offers volunteer and internship opportunities, any of which (except exclusive horse and barn work) would qualify for credit

[Expand](#)

Leisure and sport activities with people with disabilities

Scroll down to “get involved” and click on “volunteer” for flier and contact info.

[The Denver Center for Trauma and Resilience](#)

Mission: The Center for Trauma & Resilience provides culturally and linguistically responsive programs, health promotion and crime prevention education.

[Boulder Community Hospital](#)

[Boulder County Public Health](#)

Location: 3450 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80304

[UC Health](#) (various locations and opportunities)

Let them know you are with the Certificate or CU Internship program

[TRU Community Care](#) (formerly Boulder Hospice)

[Boulder Valley Women's Health Center](#)

Volunteer opportunities paused Summer 2026, but contact them if interested

Location: 2285 Valmont Road
Boulder, Colorado 80301 Phone: 303-440-9320

[Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence](#)

Location: 835 North Street
Boulder, CO 80304

[Metis Center for Psychological Services in Boulder](#) (some clinical and clerical duties)

Use the contact form to indicate interest in an internship. Let them know you are with the CU Sociology Internship Program. The contact/supervisor is Dr. Sunda Friedman TeBockhorst, PhD, ABPP

[Devereux Residential Treatment for Youth](#)

Boulder and Westminster locations. Paid positions for "mental health workers" with overnight shifts always available

[All Roads Housing Focused Shelter](#) formerly known as Boulder Shelter for the Homeless

[Emergency Family Assistance Association \(EFAA\)](#)

Location: 1575 Yarmouth Avenue, Boulder, CO 80304

Positions Available: There are many potential roles for Interns at EFAA. The skills and interests of the applicant will determine the most suitable opportunity. Some examples include: Intake Worker, Front Desk Receptionist Food Team Volunteer, Administrative Assistant/ Research Assistant, Children's Program Volunteer

[Harvest of Hope Food Pantry](#)

[Academy Bella Vista Memory Care](#) primarily paid positions available working with residents with Alzheimer's and dementia

Immigration Justice and Support

[Village Exchange Center-Interfaith and Intercultural Community Building](#) (Denver)

[Casa de Paz](#) (located in Denver, remote opportunities as well that do not require Spanish fluency- works with immigration detainees-Spanish fluency helpful)

[African Community Center](#) located in Denver serving refugees and migrants from Ethiopia and other African nations

The CU law school has legal clinics that focus on criminal and immigration cases, and there are numerous private law firms with such cases that would appreciate paid or unpaid interns with fluency in a language other than English.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

You should reach out to your State or National Representative and/or Senator through their website if you are interested in serving in their office.

CU's Political Science Department keeps a list with links to governance related internships on their site [here](#)

US PIRG (paid in Denver)

<https://jobs.uspirg.org/fellowship.html>

New Era Colorado

Non-partisan organization with aim of expanding young adult voter registration and civic engagement (some paid positions available)

Location: 1648 Spruce St Boulder CO 80302 or 1722 Humbolt Denver, CO 80218

<https://www.cohousedems.com/legislative-intern>

Location: 7700 East First Place

Denver, Colorado Phone: 303-364-7700

Governor's Executive Internship Program

Applications for the academic year are due in July each year

Ignite-Political Power in Every Young Woman

Use the contact form to inquire about internship opportunities-remote mostly

RELIGIOUS

Working with youth or other community oriented services in your faith community could qualify as an internship if it supports your professional interests. Check with internship coordinator. As an example, see the Village Exchange Center listed above in Human Services.

SOCIAL CHANGE and SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS-although many of the above organizations also have these goals in their mission statements

Conscious Alliance: Art that Feeds

Mission: The Conscious Alliance organizes food drives nationally at concerts, music festivals, and sporting events to benefit local food pantries. Internship may include administrative work, organizing and running food drives, and delivery of food.

Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center

Mission: The Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, rooted in the spirit of unconditional nonviolence, is dedicated to radically progressive personal and social change. As a multi-issue organization, we work to restore and protect earth and human rights. We educate, organize, act, and build community in order to create a culture of justice and peace.

M.E.S.A. (Moving to End Sexual Assault)-opportunities for people of all genders

Location: 2336 Canyon Blvd, Suite 103

Boulder, CO 80302

[Natural Capitalism Solutions](#)

Mission: building an economy in service to life through education, innovative solutions and youth empowerment. We help companies, communities and countries implement more regenerative practices profitably.

The website is often outdated, but opportunities still exist

Location: 11823 North 75th St.

Longmont, Colorado

The listed opportunities may be out of date, but do not hesitate to use contact tab to inquire.

Organizations not on this list, both not for profit and for profit, are also eligible. Please reach out to Glenda.Walden@Colorado.edu if you have any questions or would like to discuss possibilities.