

MPAC / Qunoot Foundation

Shi'a Community Outreach Internship

Summer 2007 Application

Internship program details

This internship will provide a stipend for one (1) intern to work at the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) in their Washington, DC, office during their Summer 2007 internship term. The total stipend amount will not exceed \$2,000 and will be distributed as follows: 50% at the beginning of the internship; and 50% after the submission of a 750 word paper which can be submitted after the eighth week of the internship program. The topic of the paper will be about, broadly, what steps can be taken to improve MPAC's relations with the Shi'a Muslim community in the United States.

The main focus area of the position at MPAC is outreach to and research on the Shi'a Muslim community in the United States, both at the local community and national policy levels. This work follows in line with MPAC's mission to, among other goals, "educate American Muslims" and "build alliances."

The Shi'a Community Outreach intern will, in addition to performing normal expectations inherent in the position (filing, errands, etc., at MPAC's discretion) be responsible for exploring issues specific to the Shi'a community in the United States and researching potential avenues to create better relations between MPAC and the Shi'a community.

Who should apply

The Qunoot Foundation Shi'a Community Outreach Internship is open to all students and recent graduates—regardless of religious persuasion—who have shown a demonstrated interest in working to bridge relations between Muslims in the U.S. Outreach and research experience, particularly in statistics and ethnographic research, is preferred.

Applicants must submit the following

In addition to submitting all items required by MPAC's general internship application (available online at <http://www.mpac.org>), applicants must submit answers to the following three essay questions. Answers should be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than 250 words each.

1. What is your vision for improving intra-Muslim relations in the United States?
2. Can you please describe your experiences in working to address concerns surrounding the Shi'a community or other intra-Muslim issues?
3. How does this Shi'a Community Outreach Internship fit into your long-term goals?
4. Is there a specific project proposal or area of research you would like to pursue through this internship?

Two copies of both the general MPAC internship application as well as the Shi'a Community Outreach Internship application should be submitted. Both copies should be submitted, in entirety, to The Qunoot Foundation at the following address:

The Qunoot Foundation
PO Box 15538
Washington, DC 20003

All applications must be received by Monday, April 30th, 2007. Please contact Mohamed H. Sabur with The Qunoot Foundation at mohamed@qunoot.org or (763) 442-4045 if you have any questions, concerns, or other issues regarding the internship position or the application process.