



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF POLICE COMPLAINTS

### Law Internship Program 2021/2022

The District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC) is seeking several enthusiastic and dedicated law school students to work as law clerks. OPC is an independent government agency that receives, investigates, and resolves citizen complaints of police misconduct filed against Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers. OPC provides an independent and impartial forum for the processing of police misconduct complaints and promotes the highest attainable standard of integrity, professionalism, and accountability in the District's police department.

Law school interns work alongside experienced staff on a variety of projects. The primary duties of law school interns are to (1) conduct legal research and write legal memoranda on issues related to police misconduct and the operations of the agency; (2) conduct best practices research and draft proposals for police reform; and (3) work with MPD, attorneys, advocacy groups, and local and federal agencies on issues affecting police accountability.

**Fall/Spring interns** must commit to 12 hours minimum per week to be considered for this program. Fall/Spring internships are unpaid but can be done in conjunction with a course for academic credit. **Summer positions** are paid and must commit to working 40 hours per week for 10 weeks to be considered for the program and *must complete their second year of law school before starting the internship.*

Applicants should have strong interpersonal skills and be able to work with diverse populations. Courses in government, public policy, civil rights, and criminal justice are viewed favorably, as are foreign language skills especially Spanish. Law school interns also should have strong legal research, analysis, and writing skills, and be familiar with electronic legal research databases.

Applications should include a brief cover letter, résumé, transcript, and writing sample.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE:**

**Fall 2021 - August 13, 2021**

**Summer 2022 - October 22, 2022**

**Spring 2022 - December 03, 2021**

Applicants must apply for the **law student academic internships** on OPC's website at <https://policecomplaints.dc.gov/page/office-police-complaints-opc-internship-application-form>

For more information about OPC and the internship program, please contact Alicia Yass, Deputy Director at [alicia.yass2@dc.gov](mailto:alicia.yass2@dc.gov) or visit OPC's website at <https://policecomplaints.dc.gov/page/internship-program>.