



# Action Utah Public Policy Internship

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## Who is Action Utah?

Action Utah is a nonpartisan community network helping Utahns have a greater voice in policymaking at the state and federal level in order to build stronger communities. We focus on bringing ordinary community members vetted information on the issues and easy ways they can take action to impact decisions around health care, family and community issues, environmental stewardship and government accountability and policies. Our nonpartisan approach centers around educating the community, building good relationships with legislators and finding common ground on issues that matter to people on both sides of the aisle.

Why does this matter? Because Republicans and Democrats alike in Utah have lost their voice in the policies that impact their lives. Utah's political landscape has been dominated by the far right and far left for decades, leaving a majority of Utahns without a voice in their own communities and feeling helpless to move forward or to do anything about it. Fortunately, it is easy for ordinary community members to take meaningful action, to lobby their legislators and to impact policymaking.

Action Utah is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit founded after the 2016 election with over 1300 subscribers via our website at [www.actionutah.org](http://www.actionutah.org) and 1500 Facebook followers (@ActionUtah) from across the state. We made a significant impact during the 2017 State Legislative Session (45 days from January to March), putting out over 200 calls to action on 40 prioritized bills, and achieving greater than 60% overall success rate in helping to pass good bills and opposing or amending bad bills, and over 90% success rate on social policy bills.

During the interim, we cover educational and legislative campaigns, build relationships and coalitions and participate in the Interim Session. We put out weekly, daily and urgent calls to action to our members and followers year-round, host in-person events and education workshops and create informational resources.

## Public Policy Internships

Action Utah is seeking legislative interns to work with our executive team and issue experts in many areas, such as researching issues, writing calls to action, monitoring communications and social media, lobbying legislators, attending community and advocacy organization meetings, developing legislative strategies, drafting op-eds and earned media.

Candidates will have a passion for the legislative process, public policy, government, grassroots advocacy, and/or one of our four specific issue areas: health care, family and community issues, environmental stewardship and government accountability and policies. Must be willing to embrace a nonpartisan, bridge-building approach to advocacy work. Must be a minimum of 16 years old. We accept undergraduate students requiring credit, graduate students with practicum requirements, as well as students and community members with no specific credit fulfillment needs.

Required skills: Research, writing, Facebook and Twitter, WordPress a plus, Canva a plus.

Term: Internships are available summer, fall, winter and spring terms or beginning any time for a minimum of 8 weeks. Winter interns will take part in the State Legislative Session.

Hours: Part Time or Full Time, hours are flexible

Compensation: This internship is unpaid.

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah. Work will take place in our offices, at Capitol Hill and at meeting locations around the area. Some work may be done from home.

How to apply: Please submit a resume, brief essay (500 words) about why you are a good candidate for this internship and a sample call to action using the daily and urgent calls to action from the Action Utah website as a frame of reference. Send applications by email or mail to:

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