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The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is one of the Department's two internal investigative units. OPR investigates allegations of misconduct against Department attorneys relating to the exercise of their authority to investigate, litigate or provide legal advice. OPR also investigates allegations of misconduct by law enforcement personnel when they are related to allegations of misconduct by Department attorneys, and provides legal support to the Offices of Professional Responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration. Following its investigations, OPR reports its findings and conclusions to the Deputy Attorney General or other appropriate officials.

Projected No. of Volunteers: 2 – 3

Internship Location(s): Washington, D.C.

Application Materials: Cover letter (semester and dates when available), resume with 3 references, transcript (official or unofficial), and a writing sample of no more than 5 pages.

Qualifications: First-year (second semester) and second-year law students. Students who are interested in criminal law and ethics issues, who want to learn how to conduct effective investigations and factual analysis, and who want exposure to a wide variety of offices within the Department of Justice are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: December 5th for Spring Program (January – May) (open until filled)
February 1st for Summer Program (June – August) (open until filled)
June 1st for Fall Program (September – December) (open until filled)

Minimum Weeks Required: 8 weeks

Salary: Volunteer (without compensation) or work study credit

Assignments: OPR provides student interns with the opportunity to work closely with attorneys conducting investigations (including collecting and reviewing information and interviewing witnesses), analyzing the law and the facts, and drafting reports. Investigations may involve all components of the Department, including the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. Interns can expect to research discrete legal issues, conduct factual analysis, review and organize documents, draft memoranda and reports, draft witness interview summaries, and perform other tasks as required.

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