



Environmental Internship/Externship

Environment, Energy, & Climate Change (EECC) is a focus area of Government Accountability Project, the nation's leading whistleblower protection and advocacy organization. Located in Washington, DC, Government Accountability Project is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with a mission to promote corporate and government accountability by protecting whistleblowers, advancing free speech, and empowering citizen activists.

Environmental whistleblowers save lives, safeguard public health, protect vulnerable ecosystems, and help to ensure that the world remains habitable for current and future generations. The Government Accountability Project's environment, energy, and climate change specialists provide programmatic support for whistleblowers to enforce environmental protection and resource management laws. Our experts also liaise with advocates who work to meet national and global energy demand more sustainably so as to avoid catastrophic climate change. In doing so, we empower those who take a stand against corporate polluters and government corruption.

EECC is seeking externs to contribute research to a follow-up report to Government Accountability Project's [2013 report](#) on the health consequences of dispersants used following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. For the previous report, Government Accountability Project investigators and attorneys interviewed over 30 whistleblowers. Government Accountability Project is offering this externship to qualified individuals, preferably with experience conducting interviews and an understanding of how to take statements and write affidavits. The extern will be responsible for preparing for interviews by reviewing existing documents, contacting whistleblowers, conducting interviews using an adaptable script, compiling the gathered information into statements suitable for use as affidavits, and contributing to the final report.

Primary job responsibilities for this position include:

- Researching whistleblowers and preparing extensively for interviews
- Conducting interviews with whistleblowers using a provided script
- Converting interview content into statements or affidavits
- Contributing research and writing to the final report
- Attending meetings and occasional off-site events
- Performing administrative tasks on an as-needed basis



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Applicants should have strong writing skills, be adept with social networking tools, and be comfortable conducting interviews and independent research. Strong preference for candidates with investigative reporting experience, a journalism background, experience conducting surveys, or familiarity with taking statements and preparing affidavits. Ideal candidates will be passionate about public interest law and/or environmental law. Applicants should also be able to prosper in an independent work environment and require minimal supervision.

Externs must have a laptop computer to work from for the entire duration of the externship. The exact dates and hours for this externship are flexible. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Katrina Meyer, Intern Coordinator, at KatrinaM@whistleblower.org with the externship title in the subject line.