WGS Internship Possibilities

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING
ALL INTERNSHIP FORMS
Thursday of Week 2 classes

Below are a few of the opportunities available to WGS students. Note that all WGS majors are required to complete 4 units of Internship. See WGS 499/395 Syllabus for details and requirements.

If you would like to speak to current WGS students who have interned at these locations, ask WGS faculty. Speaking to students can also provide referrals. You are also welcome to look at the WGS Facebook page and/or past WGS Newsletters, which list previous internships and community involvement projects. www.sonoma.edu/wgs/newsletter

OFF-CAMPUS

AmeriCorps/ CalSERVES
CalSERVES programs provide opportunities for participants to discover passions, realize potential, and express their power. This takes the form of several local and statewide AmeriCorps programs that engage the community in services to support children and families in need. CalSERVES provides programming and training in the areas of academically aligned after school tutoring programs and volunteer program development.
http://calserves.org/about/
Contact: (707) 586-9285 or americorps@calserves.org

Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa
"Catholic Charities offers a variety of services to low income and homeless families and individuals. (Food, Shelters, Immigration Services, Transitional Housing, Job Counseling, Senior Services, Housing Counseling) http://www.srcharities.org/
Contact: Kim Young at (707) 528-8712 ext.160

Circle of Sisters is an after school program for girls in Sonoma County Schools (e.g Guerneville, Rohnert Park). Circle of Sisters serves girls ages 10-14. They strive to help girls sustain wholeness in body, mind and spirit throughout their lives. Service opportunities include assisting facilitators in planning and conducting workshops and/or developing curricular and promotional materials for the program. www.circleofsisters-sjhs.org
Contact: JoAnn Sotres at 707-525-5311 or joann.sotres@stjoe.org
Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County
This is a network of organizations who partner with low-income families and individuals to help them achieve economic and social stability, to build community, and to advocate for social and economic justice. Their programs and services include: Head Start & Early Head Start; Housing; Health; Youth, Family & Neighborhoods; Centro Laboral de Graton; Family Resource Center; and Fair Housing of Sonoma County. **Contact:**

Vince Harper, Assistant Director of Community Engagement at vharper@capsonoma.org or (707) 544-6911

Committee on the Shelterless (COTS)
COTS provides programs and services that empower homeless families and single adults to break the cycle of homelessness, transform their live, and find housing for good. Annually COTS provides programing to 2,200 adults and children, served 124,000 hot meals, and 750,000 pounds of food to people in need throughout Sonoma County.

http://www.cots-homeless.org/ **Contact:** Indigo Perry, COTS Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@cots-homeless.org or (707) 765-6530 ext.11

Family Justice Center of Sonoma County
The Family Justice Center Sonoma County empowers family violence victims to live free from violence and abuse by providing comprehensive services, centered on and around the victim, through a single point of access. Services include victim and legal services for domestic violence, elder abuse, and sexual assault.

www.fjcsc.org **Contact:** (707) 565-8255

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Historical Society (GLBTHS) in San Francisco is a community-based archives and museum dedicated to preserving the histories of GLBT communities in Northern California. This internship program provides students with the opportunity to work with a community based non-profit historical organization.

http://www.glbthistory.org/volunteer/ **Contact:** 415-777-5455

The Living Room is a drop-in center for homeless/at-risk women and children only, provides breakfast, lunch, toiletries, diapers, writing supplies, stamps, bus tickets, telephone, message service, post office box, peer support, and referrals for housing, jobs and social services. Interns are needed to work at the front desk and help coordinate other activities.

www.thelivingroomscc.org/ **Contact:** info@thelivingroomscc.org or (707) 579-0138 ext. 3, http://www.thelivingroomscc.org/how-to-help/volunteer.aspx

The Sitting Room is a privately foundered community library. The library’s book selection consists of several thousand donated volumes, unusual magazines, and small press books. The library emphasizes women’s issues and achievements.

http://www.sittingroom.org/ **Contact:** Karen Peterson at 707-364-2392 or kpetaluma@gmail.com, Ianthe Brautigan at ibrautigan@gmail.com
**Sonoma County Family YMCA**
The Sonoma County Family YMCA recognizes that communities are STRONGER TOGETHER! When community members are engaged with local organizations like the Y, we are able to work together in support of our focus areas: Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility! Over the past year, thousands of children have been served through the Y’s afterschool, childcare and youth sports programs and thousands more adults were given opportunities to lead healthier lives through the Y’s wide range of fitness programs. This is only possible because of the generous support of donors and volunteers who offer their time in order to uplift the community in which they live. We truly are STRONGER TOGETHER! [http://www.scfymca.org/aboutvolunteer.php](http://www.scfymca.org/aboutvolunteer.php)

**Contact:** (707)579-0138 or makeanimpact@scfymca.org

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**Verity** Various internships available through Prevention Department including: Presenter for the Child Abuse or Teen Assault Prevention Projects (CAPP/TAPP); Present Self Defense workshops to female teens; Present same-sex sexual assault workshops to LGBT youth. You will receive 10-20 hours of training on presenting prevention of sexual assault or self-defense or same-sex sexual assault.

[www.ourverity.org/](http://www.ourverity.org/) **Contact:** Kristen Bricker, Prevention Education Manager at prevention@ourverity.org or (707) 545-7270 ext. 12. Crisis Intervention Manager at intervention@ourverity.org or (707) 545-7270

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**Women’s Health & Birth Center**
At Santa Rosa Women’s Health and Birth Center, we strive to provide individualized, compassionate care to women throughout their lives from the onset of menstruation through menopause. We believe that healthy individuals create healthy families. Therefore, our focus is health promotion, disease prevention, and health education. We want to be your partner in providing this care through informed choice and shared decision-making. We view menstruation, pregnancy, birth, and menopause as normal life events; and in the absence of complications, we support care that does not interfere with or try to artificially change these processes. We emphasize evidence-based care and collaboration with other health providers. We also believe in the therapeutic value of human presence and strive to care for you always with an attitude of trust, respect, and support.

[http://www.womenshealthandbirthcenter.com](http://www.womenshealthandbirthcenter.com) **Contact:** (707)539-1544

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**YWCA** Focus of agency is on domestic violence. Operates only Safe House in Sonoma County, as well as a therapeutic preschool serving children who have witnessed violence. Various internship opportunities including gaining experience in case management, staffing 24-hour hotline (40-hour training required — applicable to internship hours), assisting with support groups, and collecting/analyzing data for the YWCA. [http://bit.ly/1gAqPY7](http://bit.ly/1gAqPY7) **Contact:** Lydia Edelheit or Jess Lambert at (707) 303-8401, jlambert@ywsc.org
ON-CAMPUS

Women’s and Gender Studies Communications Intern As an Editorial Assistant, valuable experience to be gained in social media, desktop publishing, editing, writing, and layout design. Contact: Prof. Charlene Tung, tung@sonoma.edu

Women’s and Gender Studies Development Intern Gain experience in basics of fundraising and alumni relations development. Valuable for those considering a career in the non-profit sector (or maybe even starting your own organization!). Contact: Prof. Don Romesburg, don.romesburg@sonoma.edu

The HUB: An Integral Center for Diversity, Vitality, and Creativity Gain program development, event planning, and student services experience. http://www.sonoma.edu/hub/ Contact: Mark Fabionar at mark.fabionar@sonoma.edu or (707) 664-2710

ONLINE RESOURCES TO ASSIST IN FINDING A SITE

Sonoma County Volunteer Program There are a few paid internship positions with the County of Sonoma and many or more unpaid volunteer opportunities working in County agencies. Recent volunteer opps include working in a youth nutrition program and with pregnant teens (esp. appropriate for Women’s Health internships). See: http://hr.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1024&id=1364 Contact: Sylvia Lemus at volunteer@sonoma-county.org or 707-565-1702

Volunteer Center of Sonoma County This organization coordinates up to date information about internships for various orgs throughout Sonoma County. For example, Girl Scouts, Hospice of Petaluma, Council on Aging, and Sonoma County Legal Aid. https://vcsc.fundlyconnect.com/default.aspx