

Wellness & Advocacy Intern

Summer 2020

Our Work:

The Women's Resources Center (WRC) is a unit of the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations (OIIR), which seeks to improve campus climate by providing transformative learning experiences to the Illinois community that results in an appreciation for cross-cultural engagement, awareness of gender/women's issues, and visibility of diverse women across the University of Illinois. The WRC supports and connects students, linking them to faculty, alumni, staff, community leaders, and other students through programs, workshops, mentorships, fun activities and networking events focused on the intersectionality of sexism and other forms of social identity. The WRC also provides confidential support and advocacy services for students, staff, and faculty, when they are faced with difficult or emotionally traumatic incidents such as harassment, stalking, sexual assault, or abuse within a relationship. The WRC is responsible for directing prevention programs intended to end these types of abuses as well, including the First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape (FYCARE), ICARE, I Heart Healthy Relationships, and GUARD programs.

Internship Description:

The Wellness & Advocacy Intern for the Women's Resources Center is responsible for supporting the Advocacy and Support team's goal of providing inclusive and comprehensive support to survivors of sexual misconduct on campus. This internship focuses on advocacy services offered on campus and within the Urbana-Champaign community, provides an opportunity to explore professional avenues of providing advocacy, and assists in the creative expansion of advocacy services at the University of Illinois.

Responsibilities Include:

- Helping with intake forms for walk-in appointments
- Maintaining campus and community resource referral database
- Assisting with and generating advocacy and support related projects and campaigns
- Ensuring advocacy projects are accessible to people with disabilities and supports a variety of social identities
- Monitoring trends and best practice methods surrounding advocacy on college campuses
- Supporting community partner relationships and providing briefings of agency updates when necessary
- Helping with set-up and take-down of WRC programming and events
- Other duties as assigned

Expectations:

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Comfortable discussing issues of and related to sexual misconduct

- Adhere to confidentiality of confidential advising services provided by the Women's Resources Center
- Experience with web design tools, such as Canva
- Participating in professional development opportunities offered on campus and/or within the community
- Attending a mandatory intern orientation
- Committing to a minimum of 8-10 hours of work per week and consistently tracking hours
- Completion of a final project, including a presentation of successes to volunteers, interns, and staff
- Clear and open communication with supervisor and other Women's Resources Center staff, interns, and volunteers

As a result of this experience, interns can expect to gain:

- An expansion in knowledge on issues related to sexual misconduct
- Broadened networks related to different professional avenues of providing advocacy
- A better understanding of sexual misconduct policy and process on college campuses
- Hands-on experience in service-related outreach and marketing
- Creative project development experience

To Apply:

Complete the application found here: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/3003731>. You will also be asked to upload a cover letter and resume at the end of the form in PDF format. The cover letter should include information on why you would like to intern at the WRC, what unique qualities you bring, and how this internship fits into your future goals. All intern candidates will be invited to an interview before being officially selected.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled and interviews will be schedule as soon as possible after the application has been received.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Madeline Farrell at mrf7@illinois.edu.

Compensation:

While this is an unpaid internship, students can potentially earn credit hours as an independent study through the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. If you are interested in obtaining academic credit, please indicate when applying.