



## Women's Resources Center

### *Advocacy Intern*

#### **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 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:**

- 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
- Organize and conduct informational interviews with campus and community partners
- Support outreach efforts and WRC programming events
- Other duties as assigned

#### **Expectations:**

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



- Adhere to confidentiality of advising services provided by the WRC
- Experience with web design tools, such as Canva
- Engage with professional development opportunities around gender-based violence and professional topics
- Attend mandatory intern orientation
- Commit 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 WRC staff, interns, and volunteers

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

- Recall new information about issues related to sexual misconduct
- Apply informational interviewing strategies to broaden their professional networks
- Develop at least one creative project related to advocacy and supporting survivors

**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. 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 scheduled 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](mailto: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.