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TALS' Summer 2020 Virtual Volunteer Program for Law Students

TALS seeks applicants for the Summer 2020 Virtual Volunteer Program.

This internship provides the opportunity to strengthen legal research and writing skills, gain in-depth knowledge of civil legal issues, and learn more about access to justice and pro bono work in Tennessee. Interns can expect to gain experience working with all of TALS' programs, including the civil legal helpline and TN Free Legal Answers. Each intern will produce blog posts, responses for TN Free Legal Answers Questions, and written resources for TALS' legal helpline attorneys, as well as assist with ongoing projects throughout the summer. Interns may be able to virtually shadow TALS' helpline attorneys and join helpline limited scope advice calls with clients. TALS will work with each intern to create a meaningful internship and development plan for the summer. For example, interns will have the opportunity to produce a writing sample for use in the future, if desired.

Interns can expect to produce meaningful work all summer, to receive personalized feedback on every assignment, and to have a supervisor available via phone, email, or text to answer questions.

While this internship program is remote, TALS is developing a professional development and networking series for all program participants. Interns will have the opportunity to hear from, and meet with leaders, from across the state through the weekly video conference sessions. These calls will be brown bag lunch video calls on Mondays and will provide a check-in for all interns as well as a featured speaker(s) and discussion. Interns will also be invited to the TALS Q2 Board Meeting.

Interns can expect 15-20 hours of work throughout the week. Most projects will be completed independently with a deadline set by TALS. All interns are expected to attend the weekly check-in and brown bag lunch video call, Mondays 12 -1:30 CST. This internship is unpaid but TALS can work with students to secure academic credit.

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Kirsten Jacobson at kjacobson@tals.org.

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