

Mission

Cal in Local Government engages and empowers students in local communities by enhancing their knowledge about local issues, improving their ability to think creatively and critically about how policy affects local problems, and developing their professional skills. Cal in Local Government is committed to fostering healthy community partnerships and promoting civic engagement.



2008-2009 Program Participants

History

Cal in Local Government (formerly known as Cal in Berkeley) is hosted by the Cal Corps Public Service Center at UC Berkeley. The program started as a joint venture among the ASUC, UC Community Affairs Office and the City of Berkeley in 1981 to connect students with officials in city government. Since its inception, the program has provided students with hands-on experience and professional development invaluable to their experiences at Cal.

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in local government with a

project-based internship in the

City of Berkeley, Oakland, or Emeryville.

About Cal in Local Government (CLG)

Cal in Local Government is a student-managed internship program that is hosted by the Cal Corps Public Service Center. The CLG program places UC Berkeley students in project-based internships in local government offices at the city and county level in Berkeley, Oakland, and other East Bay communities. These internships promote civic engagement and provide real world experiences to enhance students' professional development and understanding of the connection between public service and government.

Hosting a CLG intern

Hosting a CLG intern is a great opportunity to create a relationship with the UC Berkeley community in order to utilize all of the motivation and skills of the next generation of public service leaders!

The CLG program offers the following:

- Recruitment and screening of Cal students for your internship.
- Qualified, committed applicants from whom you can select the intern that is the right fit.
- An intern that will work a minimum of 200 hours in your office from October to May (8-10 hrs/week).
- An opportunity to network with other supervisors at our fall orientation, spring brunch, and annual State of the City reception in May.
- A 2-unit seminar for interns that provides a space for dialogue and reflection to supplement their internship experience.

Program Requirements

- Pay a \$350 placement fee for each intern.
- Designate a staff member to supervise the intern.
- Mandatory attendance at fall orientation, spring brunch, and State of the City reception in May.
- Provide a project-based internship with an emphasis on policy research analysis. *We do not place interns in direct service or clerical staff positions.*
- Maintain open communication through email, phone, and site visits with program directors and program supervisor.
- Provide a work schedule with flexible hours to accommodate intern's academic schedule.

The Placement Process

- Local government offices submit internship proposals in early August, which are reviewed to meet our program criteria.
- Student intern candidates submit applications in September, and we conduct interviews to screen for qualified applicants.
- At the end of September, we forward local government offices the applications of 3 qualified students that expressed interest in their internship; offices can then interview and select the most appropriate student for their internship position.
- Interns begin working in local government offices in mid-October and continue until the end of the academic year in May.

What have former supervisors said about CLG?

"For the last five years, my Council Office has hosted a Cal intern. They have worked on projects ranging from housing policy, a local business survey, a fitness campaign, telecommunication policy, and improving communication between elected officials and constituents. In each policy area my Cal interns made a major contribution. Cal interns combine a commitment to public service with academic smarts and great computer skills. They are a pleasure to work with. Try hosting one and you'll be hooked."

Councilmember Gordon Wozniak
Berkeley City Council, District 8

"I have been incredibly impressed with my interns' ability to hit the ground running and work independently on complex tasks with minimal oversight. They have performed over and above my high expectations, and I look forward to the opportunity to host additional CLG students in the future."

Matthew Davis
Port of Oakland, Governmental Affairs Office