



2022 SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOW FOR THE RI ETHICS COMMISSION

The [John Hazen White Sr. Center for Ethics and Public Service](#) at the University of Rhode Island is offering a **\$5,000 stipend** to support a qualified 3rd or 4th year URI undergraduate student as a research fellow for the Rhode Island Ethics Commission in Summer 2022. The Summer Research Fellow is expected to work a minimum of **200 hours** over the course of the summer internship.

The Rhode Island Ethics Commission was established by an amendment to the Rhode Island Constitution to be an independent, nonpartisan state agency with authority to adopt and enforce a Code of Ethics applicable to all state and municipal elected officials, appointed officials and public employees. The Commission also administers a yearly financial disclosure requirement for over 4,000 public officials and employees.

The 2022 Summer Research Fellow will work with the Ethics Commission Executive Director and staff on research projects relating to comparative analysis of laws nationwide relating to financial disclosure and governmental conflicts of interest. Work relating to this project may include calling and corresponding with other ethics agencies around the country, generating surveys and compiling survey responses, and helping to organize and report findings in written reports. The Research fellow may also assist in the general workflow of the Ethics Commission pertaining to ethics education, advisory opinions, financial disclosure, adoption of regulations and enforcement matters.

Requirements:

- Statutory Requirements - While working at the Ethics Commission, the Research Fellow will be prohibited from holding or campaigning for any other public office; participating in or contributing to any state or municipal political campaign; holding office in any political party or political committee; or engaging in lobbying or owning or being employed by a business that derives any revenue from lobbying. The Research Fellow also shall not have held elective public office or have been a candidate for elective public office for one year prior to beginning the fellowship. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-8(f).
- Skill and familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Excellent writing and communication skills, including the ability to contact other ethics commissions around the country to help acquire and organize comparative data concerning ethics laws.
- The student must have completed at least 60 overall credits at the University of Rhode Island and is currently in good standing with the University.
- The student may also opt to receive academic credit for this internship through the Department of Political Science. To receive academic credit for this internship, the student must complete at least 100 hours of work for every 3 academic credits earned at the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. The student will need a letter from their internship supervisor/coordinator addressed to the Department Chair confirming the approximate hours worked as well as submit a portfolio that summarizes the duties, tasks, and research performed to the Department Chair at the end of the internship.
- To apply, students must complete the application and upload a resume and cover letter using this google form link: <https://forms.gle/eGxKiAizvDgPcThR9>
- **The application deadline is Friday, April 29, 2022.**