



# Los Alamos Study Group

*Nuclear Disarmament • Environmental Protection • Social Justice • Economic Sustainability*

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## **Internships Available**

The Los Alamos Study Group seeks qualified, enthusiastic upper division or graduate students to work with us during the fall 2012 semester.

Applicants must arrange course credit, either through the University of New Mexico Peace Studies Program or another relevant UNM program, department, or major.

These internships entail a minimum of 10 hours of work per week, all during ordinary working hours, at the Study Group office near the UNM Law School, for 15 weeks. Thanks to donors, the Study Group is able to provide a \$500 stipend to each intern. All things being equal, we prefer a steady 10 hours/week. You may need additional time for any academic requirements.

The Study Group is actively engaged in a number of nuclear weapons, defense policy, and related budgetary issues on Capitol Hill, in federal court, and elsewhere. We work closely with administration officials, weapons experts, congressional staff, non-governmental organizations, journalists, and political leaders in New Mexico. Interns will assist the Study Group in expanding and amplifying our communications with these parties.

These are highly responsible positions that can make significant contributions to nuclear disarmament and sustainable energy policy. Prior issue knowledge is not required, but the work will be challenging and real.

The Study Group is an entirely non-partisan, non-profit educational organization that works well with widely-differing individuals inside and outside government. We are a highly technical organization and attention to detail is necessary.

In terms of academic requirements, Peace Studies coordinator Desi Brown writes: "You can then either sign up for PCST 400 or possibly through your major (if they have a similar kind of course). We (Peace Studies) will meet with those of you intending to do this internship to make sure that all of the proper procedures are done on our side of things. These meetings will occur AS SOON AS Los Alamos Study Group has made their decisions." If you take this path, work with Desi and keep him informed!

It is a propitious moment in nuclear history. Many more opportunities have recently opened for us than we have had time to seize. Interns will not be stuffing envelopes or doing other rote work. We are asking you to help with skilled, interesting work connected with real-world political choices.

## **Experience, Education, Skills**

Interns will gain not just experience in nuclear weapons policy and related issues but also knowledge and skills relevant to citizen intervention and organizing in any arena of public policy.

Past interns have gone on to a variety of graduate programs or to jobs in disarmament and nonproliferation at the Department of Energy and the United Nations. While here with us, our interns have built coalitions, helped pass local ordinances, and prepared significant publications.

The Study Group's husband-wife staff team, together with our supportive and experienced board of directors, provides balance, maturity, and extensive activist and technical experience. The working environment is warm and focused.

### **To Apply**

Candidates will be in their last two years of college or in graduate school. Applicants must relate well to people with a diversity of perspectives and show an appropriate combination of skills, experience, enthusiasm, and overall maturity. Candidates of all adult ages are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested, please send (by email) a one-page letter of application to [Trish Williams-Mello](#) by August 27<sup>th</sup>. We want to learn a little about you (any particular skills and interests, your grades, your major, and your work experience). Please attach a resume or transcript if you have one. Tell us, if you can in a nutshell, why you might want to work with [the Study Group](#).

Trish or Greg will contact you if we think there is a good match between us. If so we will want to meet with you (and we are sure you will want to meet with us) before deciding to go ahead with the internship. We will contact you immediately and we can then meet at a convenient time next week (August 27 – 31).

We will make internship decisions by August 31<sup>st</sup>.