

## **2025 The Fortune Society Volunteer/Internship Program**

**About Fortune:** The Fortune Society, Inc. (Fortune) has evolved into one of the nation's preeminent reentry and justice-informed service organizations, providing formerly incarcerated people with the skills and wrap-around services needed to break the cycle of crime and incarceration and to build productive lives in their communities.

**Our Mission:** The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

**Opportunity Title:** Policy & Advocacy Intern

**Type:** Intern, unpaid

**Department/Reports To:** David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP)

**Location:** In-Person (Long Island City; 29-76 Northern Blvd, Long Island City 11101)

**Tentative Schedule:** 15-20 hours per week commitment (sometime Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

**Duration:** Summer (June 1-Aug 15)

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing until opportunity is filled.

**Position Summary:** The DCRPP policy and advocacy intern will support our advocacy efforts around ending mass incarceration, addressing conditions of confinement, and supporting successful re-entry. Fortune's 2025 Advocacy and Legislative Priorities can be found here: [https://fortunesociety.org/media\\_center/the-fortune-society-unveils-2025-legislative-and-advocacy-priorities/](https://fortunesociety.org/media_center/the-fortune-society-unveils-2025-legislative-and-advocacy-priorities/)

### **Tasks / Primary Responsibilities**

- Research and analyze and support the development of advocacy strategies and policy work
- Write policy memos
- Help develop advocacy strategies
- Support existing advocacy activities and contribute ideas for future legislation/policies
- Attend rallies

### **Learning Objectives**

- Develop a familiarity with legislative advocacy processes and strategies.
- Gain experience collaborating with diverse stakeholders in criminal legal system reform efforts.
- Develop an in-depth understanding of public policy and urgent social issues by integrating research, policy analysis, advocacy, and information technology

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- They must have an interest and appreciation for the challenges that people with criminal justice involvement face, including the collateral consequences that last well beyond time spent in prison or jail.
- Demonstrate a commitment to social justice and policy advocacy
- Some college experience
- Good writer
- Solid organizational skills
- Proficient in using Microsoft office, Zoom, and Outlook

**Additional Requirements**

- Must be 18+ of age
- Must have personal laptop/computer with reliable internet connection

**To Apply**

- Submit an online application at <https://fortunesociety.org/volunteer-or-intern-with-us/>.
- Applications selected for a phone/zoom interview will be contacted via email to schedule. If selected for an interview, candidates will need to submit their resume

*We seek talented, dedicated individuals from all walks of life who possess a strong commitment to this mission. Relevant personal experience is a plus.*