

# Summer 2017 Fellowship in Denver, CO with the State Innovation Exchange (SiX)

Interested in progressive policy? In working with state legislators? In helping build a lasting piece of the progressive infrastructure? The State Innovation Exchange (SiX) is seeking progressive undergraduate students, graduate students, and recent graduates for summer fellowships in the Denver, Colorado area.

#### **About SiX:**

The State Innovation Exchange (SiX) is a national resource and strategy center that supports state legislators in advancing and defending progressive policies across the country. We do this by providing training opportunities, emphasizing leadership development, amplifying legislators' voices, and forging strategic alliances between our legislative network and grassroots movements. SiX has a long-term vision of building progressive power and infrastructure at the state level. Together, we are working to move policies forward that support working families, protect the environment, defend civil rights and liberties, and strengthen our democracy.

## About the Fellowship:

A summer fellowship with SiX will provide a unique opportunity to be part of a growing progressive organization. Fellows will assist the SiX staff in every aspect of the organization's operation, including strategic communications and messaging, event planning, database management, policy research, and outreach to partner organizations and legislatures. From the experience, fellows can expect to gain a better understanding of state government, progressive policy, and the larger progressive infrastructure at both the state and national level.

# **Requirements of Applicants:**

- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Word
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to self-direct
- Outstanding attention to detail
- Deeply held support for public policies that support working families, strengthen our democracy, defend civil rights and liberties, and protect the environment
- Ability to work in downtown Denver (Uptown area)

### **Desired Skills:**

- Familiarity with state government, the legislative process, and progressive public policy
- Experience working with databases or CRMs
- Experience with social media (experience with graphic content creation and video editing is a plus)
- Experience researching and summarizing policy issues and evaluating public policy

### **Compensation and Workload:**

Fellows will receive a stipend to help cover housing and other expenses. Undergraduate fellows will receive a stipend of \$5,500, and graduate fellows will receive a stipend of \$6,500. Fellows are expected to work approximately 40 hours per week throughout the summer. The fellowship will run from May through August. Start and end dates are flexible and can be structured around school schedules.

Applicants should submit a one-page cover letter, resume, and contact information for two professional references to <a href="mailto:Arriana@stateinnovation.org">Arriana@stateinnovation.org</a> with the subject line "Summer Fellowship Application." Fellows will be considered on a rolling basis. The priority deadline for submission is March 31<sup>st</sup>.