



PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

Job Title:	Policy Analyst
Organization:	Consumers Union
Department/Office:	West Coast Office
Location:	San Francisco, CA
Stipend:	\$60,000 per year with health insurance for fellow and additional benefits
Start Date:	July 2, 2012

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Consumers Union is a not-for-profit organization founded in New York in 1936 with the mission to work for a fair, just and safe marketplace for all consumers. Consumers Union is the advocacy division of Consumer Reports, with offices in New York, Washington, DC, Texas, and California. Consumers Union's West Coast Office was founded in San Francisco in 1975. For 75 years, Consumers Union's constituency has been solely the consumer. It buys and tests products and services, just as consumers would buy and use them. It informs consumers about the best and worst in the marketplace through its flagship magazine, *Consumer Reports*, its other publications, and its website at www.ConsumerReports.org. Its advocacy division protects consumers by giving a voice to their concerns in federal and state legislatures and regulatory agencies. When circumstances, laws, or common practice are unfavorable to consumers, it works to shift the balance of power in their favor. It exposes abuses and works to change the marketplace through policy research and published reports, lobbying, grassroots and media campaigns, social networking, engaging its nearly one million consumer activists, and collaboration with other groups in the fight to advance pro-consumer goals. Independence is a cornerstone of the trust that consumers have placed in Consumers Union over many decades. Free of ads and free of commercial ties, Consumer Reports and its advocacy arm, Consumers Union, is an expert, independent, nonprofit organization that exists only for consumers.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Policy Analyst will join a team or teams of policy experts, organizers, researchers, and media experts on programmatic and national campaign teams that focus on Food Safety, Product Safety, Financial Services, Health Reform, Patient Safety, Energy, Telecommunications or Privacy. The team placement of the Policy Analyst will depend upon current advocacy activities, which may be predicated on what's happening in the policy arena, the marketplace, and the news at any given time. The Policy Analyst will be engaged in various activities in support of the objectives of the program teams, including legal and policy research, policy analysis and development, various kinds of writing exercises for different audiences (policymakers, the public, the Web, the media), federal and state lobbying, social networking, developing consumer stories, and working with our most highly engaged volunteers to advance consumer protections.

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D in the humanities or humanistic social sciences.
- Excellent research and analytical skills.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Flexibility, initiative and good problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to work well in teams.
- Ability to work independently and ask for help when needed.
- Intrinsic motivation to produce the highest quality work; a self-starter.
- Ability to relate to and interact well with people; is approachable and friendly.
- Fearless about diving into and delving deeply into new subjects.
- Interest and/or commitment to working in the public interest.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- Have to be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6pm EDT

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