



## Housing Finance Policy Center—2015 Summer Intern

### Overview:

The nonprofit [Urban Institute](#) is dedicated to elevating the debate on social and economic policy. For nearly five decades, Urban scholars have conducted research and delivered evidence-based solutions that improve lives and strengthen communities across a rapidly urbanizing world. Our objective research helps expand opportunities for all, reduce hardship among the most vulnerable, and strengthen the effectiveness of the public sector.

The Urban Institute's [Housing Finance Policy Center](#) (HFPC) was established to provide timely, impartial data and analysis, and to educate policymakers and the public on how the housing finance system affects households, communities and the broader economy. The goal of HFPC is to produce analyses and ideas that foster sound public policy, efficient markets, and economic opportunity.

HFPC seeks an intern with interests in the nation's housing and housing finance markets coupled with a strong analytical and research background. This is an unpaid temporary position requiring eight-ten weeks of work over the summer of 2015. Full time preferred, but can accommodate part-time. Candidates will be able to receive academic credit hours.

### Responsibilities:

The intern will support the Center's staff by contributing to a number of special projects. The exact assignments may vary according to the academic and professional interests of the individual, but will include both research and communications assignments.

Research assignments may include conducting literature reviews, compiling and analyzing quantitative data, and contributing to the writing of papers and blogs that will be published under the Housing Finance Policy Center brand.

In direct support of the Assistant Director for Communications, the communications assignments may include helping write and finalize blog posts based on HFPC publications and events, identifying and reporting citations of HFPC's work in major media outlets, contributing to the Center's social media presence, and supporting high profile events or seminars. Other duties as assigned.

### Qualifications:

Candidates must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, preferably in a social science, public policy, or communications field. Undergraduate juniors and seniors preferred, but may consider sophomores based on relevant academic experience. Applicants must have interest and knowledge in public policy as it pertains to housing. Original research or demonstrated interest in original research a plus, but not required.

Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills in addition to strong Microsoft Office skills. Facility with social media is highly desirable. Candidates must have relevant coursework involving quantitative analysis. Interested candidates should send a resume and relevant writing sample to: [arincon@urban.org](mailto:arincon@urban.org)