Summer 2021 Internship:  
Strategic Research and Campaign Development Department, research intern

The Solidarity Center is the largest U.S.-based international worker rights organization helping workers attain safe and healthy workplaces, family-supporting wages, dignity on the job and greater equity at work and in their community. Allied with the AFL-CIO, the Solidarity Center assists workers across the globe as, together, they fight discrimination, exploitation and the systems that entrench poverty—to achieve shared prosperity in the global economy.

The Solidarity Center provides a wide range of education, training, research, legal support and other resources to help build strong and effective trade unions and more just and equitable societies. Our programs—in some 60 countries—focus on human and worker rights, union skills, occupational safety and health, economic literacy, human trafficking, women’s empowerment, and bolstering workers in an increasingly informal economy.

The Solidarity Center’s headquarters in Washington, DC is offering virtual internships to students and recent university/college graduates during the summer 2021 (undergraduate, graduate, and law students). Solidarity Center internships provide a great opportunity to work for social change.

Interns are required to work full-time (35 hours per week), 5 days a week, for 8 weeks. Work will be conducted online from the intern’s resident location. Full-time interns will receive a $4,000 stipend during their internship.

Position: Strategic Research and Campaign Development Department, research intern  
Location: Virtual (from intern’s resident location)  
Time-period: June-August 2021, full-time (35 hours per week, 5 days a week, 8 weeks)

Position Description: The primary responsibilities of the internship will be to assist the Strategic Research and Campaign Development Department on an industry research project. In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities described below, the intern will receive training in strategic corporate research while supporting active campaigns in organizing and collective bargaining, and fight for democracy in various countries in the Global South. Possible industries may include but will not be limited to agriculture, extractives, the informal economy, and healthcare.
Responsibilities:
- Assist with researching and analyzing global industry, regulatory, and financial data sources.
- Track industry trends and key industry performers.
- Assist with compiling information from worker viewpoint survey and research.
- Carry out research from primary and secondary sources, including Internet research.
- Assist to review and edit portions of reports under the guidance of department program staff and the Department Director.
- Prepare briefing materials on relevant topics.
- Attend and/or assist with meetings, workshops and seminars on relevant topics relating to our work.
- Logistical support for field research.

Qualifications:
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice, worker rights, and human rights
- Ability to work independently
- Demonstrated excellent writing skills
- Good qualitative and quantitative research skills
- Very good computer skills including word processing and Excel
- Meeting deadlines, working under short deadlines and quick turnaround
- Strong academic background in a relevant field of study.
- Good communication and inter-personal skills
- Good judgment and ability to think creatively
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment

Deadline: Applications are being accepted until the position is filled.

To apply: To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (3-5 pages) to Solidarity Center Internship Coordinator, Nalishha Mehta, at nmehta@solidaritycenter.org.

Please indicate the specific internship you are applying for in your cover letter and submit all documents as Word or PDF attachments to the email. If you are applying for more than one internship, please submit a separate application for each internship. Please no telephone calls. Due to capacity constraints, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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