Spring 2027 Legal Externship and Internship Program

Who We Are

The State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC) of Georgia is a state agency located in Atlanta, Georgia that operates as an independent authorizer for charter schools. The SCSC was created by the Georgia General Assembly to enable increased school choice options through the development and support of high-quality charter schools throughout the state. The SCSC regularly reviews petitions for new start-up charter schools, in addition to reviewing the academic and overall performance of existing SCSC charter schools to ensure academic and fiscal accountability and legal compliance with the terms of the charter contract. The SCSC also works with charter school petitioners and operators to locate and develop resources and partnership opportunities with community stakeholders.

Who We Need

The SCSC is looking for interns or externs interested in learning about the charter school administration and authorization process. **Candidates must be currently enrolled in their first or subsequent year of law school.** Ideal candidates will demonstrate superior academic performance in their programs of study; interest in and knowledge of the charter school movement; excellent research skills; proficiency with Excel; and proactive attitudes. Additionally, exceptional candidates will possess superior writing abilities. Externs/Interns can expect to gain valuable insight into Georgia government, education law, legal and policy review, the charter school movement, educational reform and improvement, and the workings of a state agency while honing research and writing skills. Externs/Interns will attend agency meetings, including internal staff meetings and monthly SCSC board meetings.

Specific needs include but are not limited to:

- Conduct legal and policy research and analysis
- Provide assistance and support for SCSC schools' annual monitoring activities
- Track and analyze legislative proposals and attend legislative committee meetings
- Support the SCSC's Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act obligations, including taking minutes for SCSC meetings and responding to records requests
- Other duties as assigned

Externs/Interns are paid an $18 hourly rate and are expected to work 18 to 28 hours per week. The Spring program will run from **January through May 2027**. Start dates and end dates can be flexible.

Please submit applications via email to kiara.thompson@scsc.georgia.gov. Note: the application requires the submission of a resume or curriculum vitae, a transcript of grades (a copy of an unofficial transcript will suffice), a cover letter explaining your interest, the contact information for two references, and a brief writing sample (no more than 5 pages). **Please note in your email if you are applying for either the legal internship or externship program.**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applications that do not contain all required documents will not be reviewed.