

State Charter Schools Commission Spring 2021 Legal Internship

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 who are currently enrolled in law school or graduate programs relating to education policy, law, administration, or related fields. Interns should also be interested in learning more about the charter school authorization process. Ideal candidates will demonstrate superior academic performance in their programs of study; interest in and knowledge of the charter school movement; excellent analytical and research skills; and proactive attitudes. Additionally, exceptional candidates will possess superior writing abilities. Interns can expect to gain valuable insight into Georgia government, education law, the charter school movement, educational reform, and the workings of a state agency while simultaneously honing research and writing skills. Interns will also be privy to agency meetings and meetings with external stakeholders.

Specific needs include:

- Conducts extensive legal research and analysis
- Assists with drafting agency legal communications
- Drafts internal legal memoranda
- Supports the agency's compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings and Georgia Open Records Acts
- Completes legal compliance review, due diligence, and substantive legal review of state charter school petitions

Interns are paid at a \$12 hourly rate and are expected to work a maximum of 29 hours per week. The internship program will run January 11, 2020 through May 14, 2020. Start-dates and end-dates can be flexible.

Please submit applications via email to danielle.williams@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 10 pages).

Applications that do not contain all required documents will not be reviewed.

All application materials must be received by **December 18, 2020**. Interviews will be held on a rolling basis.