Make your voice heard on our country’s most pressing issues.

If you’re looking for a powerful experience that helps change America for the better, consider the state PIRGs (Public Interest Research Groups). The state PIRGs are a network of state-based, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that work for the public interest on issues ranging from our nation’s energy policy to the state of our health care system to the strength of our democracy. Our professional staff focus on finding good ideas and pushing for real change, even when a powerful corporation or politician or other interest stands in the way. We’ve built a 30-year track record of overcoming these obstacles to achieve real results, due in part to the fact that we hire dozens of smart, talented staff and give them plenty of responsibility from day one on the job.

Campus Organizer
Students are traditionally at the forefront of movements for positive social change. PIRG campus organizers tap student idealism and energy, and help student volunteers and activists channel their concerns in the most effective ways. Our organizers work on three to six projects or campaigns in a semester, which could include: working to pass a clean energy bill in the state legislature, increasing youth voter turnout in an upcoming election, or fighting hunger and homelessness in the local community. In any effort, the role of the campus organizer is two-fold: achieve concrete social change while developing the next generation of leaders. Through this approach, campus organizers build momentum for solving our country’s current problems while ensuring their legacy continues well into the future. A one-year commitment is required.

Fellowship Program
PIRG fellowships provide recent college graduates with the training and expertise necessary to assume leadership roles as advocates for the public interest. PIRG fellows start with a crash course on a set of problems and solutions, ranging from clean energy to prescription drug reform to voting reform. Within just a few weeks, fellows start conducting research, making the case for solutions, acting as spokespeople to the media, talking to decision-makers, and organizing the kind of politically powerful support we need to win. PIRG fellows use and sharpen a wide variety of skills, from writing to public speaking to one-on-one persuasion. A two-year commitment is required.

Qualifications
We are looking for motivated individuals who are willing to work hard and commit themselves to getting results. We value experience with campus groups or student government, academic achievement, commitment, and outstanding verbal, written and leadership skills. But most of all, we look for people who find a way to make a difference.

Salary & Training
You will earn $23,750 in your first year with the state PIRGs. Salary for experienced candidates is commensurate with relevant professional experience and/or advanced degrees. You will be able to opt into our group health plan, will accrue two weeks paid vacation over the course of your first year, and will be eligible to apply for college loan assistance. The state PIRGs’ staff training combines classroom study with hands-on field work.

How To Apply
You can pick up a brochure at your career placement office and schedule an on-campus interview, or apply online at www.pirg.org/jobs. Please contact Sarah Bennett in our Recruitment Department with any questions: jobs@pirg.org.

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