

CWSGR Internship Opportunity: League of Women Voters of Alachua County/ Gainesville

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Brief description/mission:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. LWV began as an all-women's organization and continues to work on issues that affect the quality of life and access to government for both women and men.

Number of hours/credits per week:

4/5 hours per week, for 1 credit

Schedule Requirements:

Interns work from wherever; Work will vary from week to week depending on project schedule, but overall the schedule is flexible.

Prerequisites/Qualifications:

For most projects, we simply need someone who is organized, has a good attitude, and a willingness to work. For the website project described below, we do need someone who is proficient with computers and has some experience building websites.

What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women's/Gender studies?

The intern will work primarily on specific projects and partially on day-to-day operations. For Summer and Fall 2008 semesters, LWV needs help with the following projects:

(1) Voter Registration/ Education: Helping with voter education and registration campaigns in preparation for 2008 Presidential Election. This work includes participating in voter registration drives; tabling and handing out voter information at public events; working with the local Supervisor of Elections Office and other community groups and organization to increase voter registration and voter turnout.

(2) Fair Districts Florida Citizen Petition Drive: Participating in a citizen-petition drive for Fair Districts Florida (<http://www.fairdistrictsflorida.org/>). Fair Districts Florida is a nonpartisan state committee that is working to reform the way political districts are drawn (i.e. – to stop the gerrymandering of districts in Florida). League of Women Voters of Florida is part of the coalition working for redistricting reform. The coalition needs to collect 612,000 petitions by February 2010 in order to get this on the November 2010 ballot.

(3) Website Overhaul – migrating current website to new Dreamweaver template (template has already been developed, content just needs to be added).