

Brooklyn (BDS) Defenders

Undergraduate Student Internship, General Legal – Summer 2023

Who we are:

Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) is a public defense office representing low-income New Yorkers in criminal, family, immigration, and civil legal matters. Our work with clients is focused on the intersection of the legal systems that disproportionately impact people in Brooklyn who are primarily Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) living below the poverty level.

BDS represents thousands of people each year who have diverse, complex, and multi-faceted legal needs. In addition to a zealous legal defense, our interdisciplinary teams of attorneys, social workers, and advocates provide a wide range of legal and advocacy services, including housing, public benefits, education, and employment issues. BDS is a public defense office where staff work collaboratively and across disciplines to deliver high-quality legal services that serve the people we represent, their families, and communities in Brooklyn.

Our undergraduate general legal internship:

BDS offers an 8-week part-time summer internship program to current undergraduate students. BDS has a limited number of paid internships for those individuals who are not receiving school credit or a stipend from their school or other funding agency.

Applicants should be organized, creative, and compassionate team players. Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with attorneys, social workers, paralegals, and administrative staff to ensure clients receive the highest quality of interdisciplinary representation. Candidates whose own background and experience reflect the diversity of Brooklyn's communities are particularly encouraged to apply. Students entering their Senior year are strongly preferred.

How to apply:

Interns interested in applying should email a cover letter and resume to sstein@bds.org. Please include "Undergraduate Intern Application" in the subject line. Only applicants invited for interviews will be contacted. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the intern class is filled. BDS highly recommends submitting your application for an undergraduate internship no later than March 31, 2023.

Brooklyn Defender Services is a proud equal opportunity employer committed to creating and maintaining a diverse work environment and supports a nondiscrimination policy in all employment practices. We are focused on equity and inclusion and thus strongly encourage candidates of all identities, expressions, orientations, disabilities,

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experiences, and other characteristics that make us different to apply. If you need assistance or an accommodation due to a disability or another reason, you may contact the Director of Human Resources, Christina Wallace, at cwallace@bds.org.