

## **2019 Spring Internship: Girls Inc. Public Policy Office (Washington, DC)**

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, through direct service and advocacy. Over 80 local Girls Inc. affiliates provide primarily after-school and summer programming to approximately 150,000 girls ages 5-18 in 31 U.S. states and in Canada. Our comprehensive approach to whole girl development equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. These positive outcomes are achieved through three core elements: people - trained staff and volunteers who build lasting, mentoring relationships; environment - girls-only, physically and emotionally safe, where there is a sisterhood of support, high expectations, and mutual respect; and programming - research-based, hands-on and minds-on, age-appropriate, meeting the needs of today's girls.

Informed by girls and their families, Girls Inc. also advocates for legislation, policies, and practices to advance the rights and opportunities of girls and young women and address systemic barriers that impede girls' success, with a particular focus on girls in low- income communities and girls of color. The D.C.-based Public Policy Office leads this work and helps increase the capacity of our affiliates and girls to engage in advocacy, at the federal, state, and local levels.

Interns in the Public Policy Office office will support the team's work in a variety of ways, such as by researching legislation and other policy initiatives affecting girls; helping to plan and prepare for meetings and other events; supporting our grassroots engagement efforts; and drafting updates for our network with relevant public policy news and action alerts. Interns will also work on a Girls Inc. advocacy campaign launched in 2018 called #GirlsToo, which aims to raise awareness about sexual harassment and violence in the lives of youth - particularly girls - and promote prevention efforts. Interns will occasionally represent Girls Inc. at events that relate to policy issues affecting girls, either by accompanying staff to meetings on Capitol Hill, at the White House, and at federal agencies, or by attending coalition meetings, conferences, congressional hearings, briefings, and receptions. Because the DC office is small, the Interns will have many opportunities to observe and participate in substantive work to implement Girls Inc.'s public policy priorities.

**Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (approximately 1-3 pages) to Sonja Breda, Advocacy Manager, at [sbreda@girlsinc.org](mailto:sbreda@girlsinc.org).**

**Applications due on or before November 18, 2019.**