



POLICY AND PROGRAM INTERN

Walk San Francisco seeks an enthusiastic **Intern** to support the organization's policy and programmatic goals. This is a great opportunity to have a real impact on the city you live in. Our work promotes safe, active transportation, justice for underserved communities, and better health for all.

ABOUT WALK SAN FRANCISCO:

Walk San Francisco's mission is to make walking safe, so that our city is healthier and more livable. We work with city agencies, elected officials, community based organizations, residents, and businesses to improve streets and public spaces for everyone to enjoy. Along with our partners, Walk SF recently launched one of the nation's first Vision Zero campaigns, to eliminate traffic fatalities in 10 years (by 2024) because no one should have to risk their life simply by trying to get around. Walk SF also made San Francisco the first city in California to create 15-mile-per-hour school zones around 181 schools, and launched the nation's first Walk to Work Day in 2013. Find out more at walksf.org.

WALK SAN FRANCISCO'S PROGRAMS:

1. **Pedestrian safety and Vision Zero:** ending all severe and fatal traffic injuries in 10 years
2. **Safe Routes to Schools:** increasing the walk and bike to school mode share, and improving safety around schools
3. **Walkability:** making walking more enjoyable through encouragement events like Walk to Work Day and infrastructure projects like wider sidewalks, intersection murals, and traffic calming.

Position Overview

Walk San Francisco's Policy & Program Intern will gain valuable skills and advocacy experience while helping to build a strong voice for pedestrians and sustainable streets in San Francisco. Walk SF is committed to supporting professional development.

Tasks depend on policy & programmatic needs, and may include:

- Supporting advocacy efforts, including Vision Zero, our current effort to eliminate all traffic fatalities by 2024
- Researching best practices, writing and disseminating publicly accessible fact sheets
- Supporting the Safe Routes to Schools program
- Drafting letters to the editor, opinion editorials, and media pitches
- Supporting encouragement events, such as Walk to Work Day

This is an excellent opportunity for a person who's interested in building sustainable cities to learn how a non-profit organization really works – get in on the ground floor of a small, rapidly growing non-profit.

This internship offers a flexible schedule with a minimum of 10-hours/week, for a commitment duration minimum of three (3) months. Interns receive a small stipend, and Walk SF is able to work with college/university requirements to help interns earn academic credit.

Skills & Knowledge to be Gained:

- Real-world experience in a non-profit policy and advocacy position
- Project management skills through helping organize larger advocacy projects
- Experience researching, writing, and disseminating compelling fact sheets, reports, and advocacy memos
- Inside experience with a rapidly growing grassroots movement
- Academic credit if available through your academic institution

Requirements

Essential:

- Commitment to building a walkable, equitable, and sustainable San Francisco
- Graduate or undergraduate student in urban planning, public health, public policy, law, or related field
- Knowledge of and interest in the built environment as it relates to health, sustainability, equity, the economy and social cohesion
- Excellent research and analysis skills
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Ability to work well independently

Preferred:

- Bilingual
- Advocacy or community organizing experience
- Familiarity with San Francisco and a love of walking!
- Experience with media advocacy and communications

To Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume to intern@walksf.org

Women, people of color, and bilingual students strongly encouraged to apply.