

DeFi Education Fund: Legal Intern

Position: Legal Intern

Company: DeFi Education Fund

Location: It is preferred that this position can be performed in person in our Washington D.C. office. However, we are flexible on a case-by-case basis for remote work.

About DeFi Education Fund: The DeFi Education Fund's ("DEF") is a policy advocacy group based out of Washington D.C. with a mission to educate policymakers about the benefits of decentralized finance and to achieve regulatory clarity for the DeFi ecosystem. The DEF is nonpartisan and global in approach and orientation. To accomplish its multi-pronged mission, the DEF focuses on research and advocacy efforts in the following areas: policymaker education, thought leadership and research, grassroots advocacy, messaging, legal firepower, and best practices.

Roles and Responsibilities: For Spring 2023, DEF is looking for legal interns who will have the opportunity to work on novel, complex, and exciting issues at the edge of DeFi law and policy. This will be a paid opportunity.

As a Legal Intern, you will:

- Report to DEF's Head of Policy and Communications Manager and collaborate with the DEF staff on projects
- Assist with a weekly newsletter that highlights the key DeFi policy developments in all jurisdictions
- Conduct legal research and draft legal memoranda, briefing materials, policy reports, comment letters, legislation, and litigation materials
- Develop and advocate for policy positions on a broad range of issues related to the DeFi industry
- Track and analyze new legislation, case law, guidance, and rulemaking

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Be a law student at an ABA-accredited law school and will preferably be entering his or her 3L year (but we will entertain applications from all current law students)
- Have a strong understanding of and interest in DeFi, blockchain technology, U.S. financial regulation, and policy advocacy
- Have excellent attention to detail, organizational skills, legal research and writing skills, verbal communication skills, and the ability to distill complex concepts into simple terms and explain them to our target audience of policymakers and regulators
- Have the self-motivation and drive to take ownership of projects and operate efficiently and effectively with autonomy
- Have the ability to succeed as a team player in a dynamic and fast-paced environment

How to Apply: Please send the following documents to max@defieducationfund.org

- Resume

- Cover Letter
- Legal Writing Sample(s)
- Law School Transcript

Please include “Legal Intern Application” in your email subject line. Your cover letter should be limited to one page and should describe your interest in digital assets and why you are qualified for this role. Your writing sample(s) should reflect original legal research and analysis.

Qualified candidates will be asked to complete a legal writing exercise and interview with DEF staff members. We encourage interested candidates to apply quickly; application review will begin immediately, and the position will be filled on a rolling basis.

Equal Employment Opportunity: DeFi Education Fund is committed to providing a workplace based on equal opportunity where diversity is fostered and different perspectives are valued and freely exchanged. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other identity or characteristic.