



# Midwest Environmental Advocates

## **Apply Now for Midwest Environmental Advocates' Semester Undergraduate Internship – Spring 2019**

Midwest Environmental Advocates—an independent, nonprofit, environmental law firm—offers a unique experience for UW-Madison undergraduate students to participate in tracking and analyzing Wisconsin environmental policy.

Founded in 1999, Midwest Environmental Advocates provides legal representation and organizing assistance to community groups, local governments, and tribal governments working for clean air, clean water, and environmental justice.

Midwest Environmental Advocate's semester-long internship offers undergraduate students, with an interest in lobbying, the opportunity to better understand the Wisconsin legislative system as it relates to environmental policy. Throughout the semester, students will be responsible for tracking the progress of legislative proposals, engaging with other lobbyist groups, and regularly meeting with staff attorneys. In an effort to fully understand the implications of current legislative proposals, students will research the political context and historical precedent of said proposals. Students will also learn how citizens' groups and lobbyists effectively communicate citizen interests to the Wisconsin Legislature.

### **Expectations:**

- Approximately 10 hours of internship-related activities per week
  - Students will be required to meet in the Midwest Environmental Advocates law office from 8:50 am -11:50 pm on Monday and Wednesday mornings,
  - Students will have the opportunity to attend additional meetings throughout the week.
- Students must enroll in 2 credits (as a general rule, 80 hours of work equals one internship credit)

### **Application Questions:**

1. What does it mean to be an environmental advocate? How is environmental advocacy a part of your life?
2. What environmental issue within Midwest Environmental Advocate's mission interests you most?
3. Where would you like to apply the skills you learn from this experience in the future?

**Applications materials will be accepted until the positions are filled, with preference to those submitted by November 26. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.**

To apply, please submit a resume and a separate attachment with responses to the three questions listed above to Ry Carpenter at [rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org](mailto:rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org).