

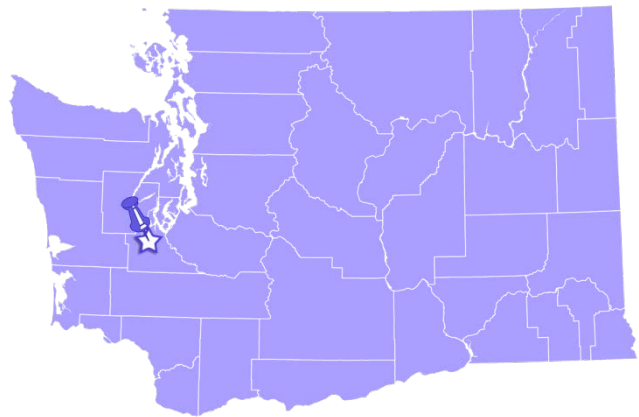
Internship Opportunity

What does JLARC offer?

Impact	Collaborate with JLARC staff to provide critical analysis and credible information to improve the management of government programs and help the Legislature identify public policy solutions.
Exposure	Opportunity to participate in the public policy process by working as nonpartisan legislative staff and participate firsthand in the public policy process. JLARC does not focus on a single policy area, so staff study many different areas across state government, ranging from education to public health to natural resource management.
Professional development	Work in a collaborative environment with intelligent, creative, and supportive colleagues. Studies use a variety of analytical techniques to find answers, including quantitative analyses, legal research, budgeting and accounting practices, and review of performance measurement and organization structures.
Networking	Work with JLARC analysts, staff from other legislative and executive branch agencies, and relevant stakeholders to help answer some of the most complicated questions facing our state’s lawmakers.

JLARC is currently seeking an intern for a study of state acquisition and regulatory programs for habitat protection and recreation expansion. The intern’s responsibilities will include assisting JLARC staff with:

- ▶ A review of existing studies and analyses about benefits provided by specific state programs, such as public safety, habitat protection, environmental quality, public health, protection of infrastructure, and economic development.
- ▶ A review of whether state agencies have land stewardship programs for the lands acquired in the last 10 years, what that programs entail, and the extent of compliance with the programs. This will include a review of state law, best practices for land stewardship, and a review of state agencies’ land stewardship plans.
- ▶ On-site meetings with local government officials and state agency staff in Asotin, Clark, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, and Okanogan counties. This will entail documenting site visits and recording interview notes.



Who are we?

JLARC works to make state government operations more effective, efficient, and accountable. The Committee is comprised of an equal number of House and Senate members, and equal number of Democrats and Republicans.

JLARC pursues its mission by conducting performance audits. This is not about “counting beans”—it is a tool for providing critical analysis and credible information to improve the management of government programs and help identify public policy solutions. Performance auditing involves assessing performance, evaluating results, and ensuring accountability.

Assignments to conduct studies are made by the Legislature and the Committee itself. Based on these assignments, JLARC’s nonpartisan staff auditors, under the direction of the Legislative Auditor, independently seek answers to audit questions and issue recommendations to improve performance.

JLARC’s work has received national recognition from groups such as the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Pew Center for the States as illustrative of “the superior program evaluation work being provided to state legislatures.”

What is JLARC looking for in an intern?

- ▶ Comfort with gathering and synthesizing both quantitative and qualitative information
- ▶ An ability to think analytically and to present information creatively
- ▶ An appreciation for how objective analyses can directly influence government policy
- ▶ Strong communication skills in different media and in front of a variety of audiences
- ▶ Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- ▶ Ability to maintain an objective, unbiased perspective
- ▶ Undergraduate degree or current graduate student

Period of Internship

Approximately March-August 2017. Start date and hours are negotiable.

Hours per Week

20 to 40. We expect 50-75% of hours to be spent in Olympia, with telecommuting permitted for the remaining hours.

Pay

\$20 per hour

Application Process

Send a cover letter and resume to **Marilyn Richter** at marilyn.richter@leg.wa.gov. This announcement is open until 5:00 p.m. February 15, 2017 or until filled, but we will begin the selection process as the applications are received. Early application is encouraged. For more information about JLARC and current studies, visit: www.jlarc.leg.wa.gov.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee is an equal opportunity employer. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, veterans, persons with disabilities, and disabled veterans are encouraged to apply. Persons with disabilities needing assistance in the application process should call 360.786.5171 or TDD 800.635.9993.

