



Policy Intern, Summer 2019

The [Data Coalition \(www.datacoalition.org\)](http://www.datacoalition.org) is a Washington, DC-based non-profit organization that promotes public policies that enable effective, responsible and transparent use of data. These policies have benefits for public accountability and transparency, public administration, government oversight, and private sector efficiency.

The Data Coalition represents over forty technology, data analysis, and consulting companies working to efficiently use public data to improve society. Through advocacy, public programs, and media engagement, we pursue meaningful and lasting federal data policy reforms. Examples include:

- **Open Data Policies:** The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act and the OPEN Government Data Act direct agencies to make non-sensitive data open by default and to develop data inventories. The Coalition provides advice on guidance and agency implementation efforts.
- **Using Data for Management:** The Coalition is developing proposals to support use of government financial data by Congress and address ongoing DATA Act data quality issues.
- **Using Data for Regulatory Compliance:** The cost of regulatory compliance can be reduced by improvements to report submission. The Coalition is working on legislation that will require improved reporting in the financial services sector.

The Data Coalition is currently seeking a full-time graduate-level summer intern to support the organization's research and policy activities. The Policy Intern will report to the Senior Director for Policy.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Assist the policy functions of the Coalition with supporting research, position paper drafting, and writing of public support documents.
- Conduct policy research related to open data, data access, data transparency, or other policies associated with the organization's mission.
- Drafting policy memos that analyze and make recommendations related to priority legislation
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings and working groups with the Senior Director of Policy, including attending and summarizing key congressional hearings or agency meetings.
- Perform other administrative, research, membership, and support activities.

Requirements and Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in a Master's degree program.
- Interest in effective government, data management, data analytics, or related issues.
- Interest in policymaking in Congress or executive branch agencies, including the regulatory process with experience monitoring policymaking activities.
- Possess excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communications skills.
- Ability to conduct independent research and develop reasoned findings and recommendations.
- Access to the Washington, DC region

A stipend is available for participation in the internship program. Interested individuals should provide a cover letter, resume, writing sample, transcript, and references to info@datacoalition.org. The Data Coalition is an equal opportunity employer.