

# Jobs & Opportunities With The State PIRGs

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## Address real problems and get meaningful results.

If you want a job where you can investigate, educate, advocate and organize each day on behalf of consumers and the environment, consider a job with the state Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs). The state PIRGs are a national network of nonprofit activist organizations that advocate for the public interest. Starting with thorough research, we tackle problems that need to be solved.

## Campus Organizer 2004-2005 Job Description

The U.S. has more problems than it should tolerate, and more solutions than it uses. That phrase captures the spirit with which the state PIRGs were founded. But it is hard to imagine things changing with so many people sitting out the elections and alienated from government. And to make matters worse, our educational system has become more focused on producing skilled employees rather than training effective citizens. That is where the PIRG campus organizer comes in. PIRG organizers recruit students, faculty and community members to investigate problems and build support for solutions. PIRG organizers, and the volunteers they train, research issues, build coalitions, work with the media, educate the public, and generate grassroots support on issues ranging from poverty to environmental protection. Through their actions they win concrete reforms, acquire the skills necessary to be a leader in the public interest movement, and leave a legacy of skilled, trained leaders capable of tackling society's most pressing problems.

For more information about the state PIRGs' student chapters, visit [www.studentpirgs.org](http://www.studentpirgs.org).

**Run public interest campaigns.** Campus Organizers lead public interest campaigns on their campuses, giving students an opportunity to solve pressing social problems. At Oberlin College, students researched and implemented a public transportation initiative; in Wisconsin, student interns and Campus Organizers collected petition signatures and testified about water quality issues, which resulted in the state adopting tough water runoff standards; in Massachusetts, Campus Organizers convinced the state Senate to vote in favor of preserving public land; and in Connecticut, student interns organized community service projects to fight hunger and homelessness.

**Educate students and train new leaders.** Campus Organizers develop educational programs to teach citizenship skills and inform the campus community about important public interest issues. Campus Organizers also oversee internship programs, through which students can earn academic course credit for public interest research and advocacy.

**Build an organization.** Campus Organizers build active, cohesive and highly visible campus chapters that are recognized by faculty and student leaders as an asset to the campus community. In the summer months and over the winter break, Campus Organizers learn to canvass and run effective citizen outreach campaigns.

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### The State PIRGs are hiring for positions in:

CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, ME,  
MI, MN, MO, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA,  
RI, TX, VT, WA, WI and Washington, D.C.

## **Training**

A key part of the state PIRGs' mission is to train leaders who are capable of designing and winning campaigns to defend the public interest.

The state PIRGs conduct an intensive, three-week, paid training program for Campus Organizers. Training begins in late July and includes two weeks of campaign work and field work with the state PIRGs' citizen outreach staff, followed by one week of classroom training.

At the end of training, new Campus Organizers are placed at a specific college campus, with placement determined by the individual organizer's skills and experience. Campus Organizers also participate in other training events, including regional conferences and a national staff training in Denver, Colorado.

## **Qualifications**

We are looking for motivated individuals who are willing to work hard and commit themselves to getting results. We value experience with campus groups or student government, academic achievement, public interest commitment, and outstanding verbal, written and leadership skills. But most of all, we look for people who find a way to make a difference.

## **Salary & Benefits**

As a current graduate, you will earn \$19,500 in your first year with the state PIRGs. You will also receive health insurance, accrue two weeks paid vacation, and are eligible to apply for college loan assistance.

## **Locations**

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## **How To Apply**

You can pick up a brochure at your career placement office and schedule an on-campus interview, or apply online at [www.pirg.org/jobs](http://www.pirg.org/jobs).

## **Questions**

Please contact Peggy Lo in our Recruitment Department with any questions: [jobs@pirg.org](mailto:jobs@pirg.org) or (617) 292-4800.