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**Attention: students starting 2nd year core this fall or any current students who already completed 2nd yr core**

**Amazing internship opportunity with Research Services in the Department of Commerce for the State of WA. You could work on developing Gross Progress Indicators (GPI) for the Governor's new performance measurement system!**

Gain first-hand research experience

Research Services is now taking applications for our Fall 2013 Policy Research Internship & Independent Study Program. Application review begins Sept. 23 and is open until the position is filled. We seek a commit-ment of 10-20 hours per week for fall quarter. Positions are unpaid but MPA credit is available. We can assist in securing a faculty sponsor.

Make connections in state and local government while developing your policy analysis skills in a lively, fast-paced setting. Interns are mentored by seasoned researchers – almost all of whom are Evergreen graduates – who have a strong commitment to your learning. The experience you gain here can be used in a variety of different career tracks, such as policy research, budgeting and program management – at either the state or local levels.

Provide an important service to policymakers

We provide timely, accurate and objective research to policymakers within Commerce, other state agencies, and the state Legislature. Our shop has one of the broadest policy bandwidths of any research unit in Washington state government, with particular expertise in local government fiscal issues. We handle everything from multi-year, six-figure research and evaluation projects, to small-scale surveys, reports and focus groups.

Join our team of resourceful researchers

We seek aspiring researchers with strong writing, analytical, organizational and interpersonal skills. Knowledge of local government issues and legislative processes is helpful but not necessary. You don’t need to be a math whiz, but a comfort with numbers and high attention to detail is a must. Sense of humor is a plus. Other desirable qualifications include:

• Ability to work under tight deadlines and in a high-pressure environment

• Completion of a college-level statistics course

• Experience with Microsoft Excel and telephone surveying.

**Potential assignments**

**Gross Progress Indicator (GPI): Be a part of a groundbreaking project to develop a GPI for Washington by collecting data on a variety of economic, social and environmental issues, in support of Governor Inslee’s new *Results Washington* performance meas-urement system.**

**Local fiscal health: Find out what it costs cities, counties and special districts to deliver services, and what sources of funding are available. Work with staff from Commerce and local government associations, to define and execute small-scale research projects.**

**How to apply**

**Send via email a cover letter, resume, a writing sample and three references to:**

***lgfnanalyst@commerce.wa.gov***

**APPLICATION REVIEW BEGINS SEPT. 23 FOR FALL QUARTER; OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

**For more information**

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