

Laudato Si' Advocates Program _ Archdiocese of Atlanta
Laudato Si' Intern Job Description

Overview

[The Laudato Si' Advocates Program](#) is an internship program for young leaders across the U.S. under the guidance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and in collaboration with National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE) that cultivates renewal and ecological conversion by offering formation, mentorship, and professional experience in policy, outreach, and advocacy.

Internship Summary

Laudato Si' Interns promote integral ecology by advocating for bipartisan federal policy and organizing community-based action in their state and (arch)diocese. Interns commit to deepening their understanding of Catholic social teaching as it relates specifically to politics and the environment while developing advocacy and community organizing skills through experiential learning. In addition to their participation in the Laudato Si' Advocates Program, interns also engage in Laudato Si' inspired work directly with a local diocese or institution and are supervised by a staff person from that diocese or institution.

For the 2025-2026 academic year (Sept 1-May 31), the Laudato Si' Advocates Program is hiring a Georgia intern to work in partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The intern will report to the Director of Justice and Peace Ministries in the Office of Life, Dignity and Justice. Archdiocesan specific opportunities include: assisting with the award-winning [Faith and Sustainability](#) podcast; supporting the release of the 10 year report on the Archdiocese's Laudato Si' Action Plan; hands-on experience with innovative projects centered around sustainable land use, youth engagement, and community engagement.

Essential Functions

1. Seek out and capitalize on opportunities to engage the federal legislative and rulemaking processes to promote integral ecology: for example, by contacting your state legislator(s), submitting comments to the federal register, attending and testifying at hearings, hosting webinars, etc.
2. Design and implement a Creative Advocacy Project in your state that generates community action around an issue related to integral ecology
3. Study important documents in Catholic social teaching and practice applying the Church's social teaching as a lens for policy discernment
4. Collaborate with other members of the Laudato Si' Advocates Program cohort as well as work one-on-one with a supervisor
5. Meet regularly with your local supervisor
6. Perform work duties as determined by your local supervisor

Qualifications

1. Recommendation from a representative of your local diocese/organization
2. Must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree for the entirety of the 2025-26 academic year OR demonstrate how the Laudato Si' Advocates Program aligns with your career goals
3. Self-starter with proven time-management skills
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Preferred qualifications

1. Pursuing degree(s) in theology, political science, environmental studies, or related fields
2. Previous work experience at a parish, in environmental work, or in politics
3. Working knowledge of the legislative process
4. Familiarity with environmental issues both nationally and in your state
5. Leadership experience

Benefits

1. Access to invitation-only, real-world advocacy experiences such as hearings, meetings with legislators, press conferences, webinars, etc.
2. Networking opportunities with USCCB staff and other professionals in the faith-based advocacy field
3. On-the-ground supervision and training in local environmental work
4. Monthly stipend
5. Fully remote with opportunities for in-person meetings and events throughout the Archdiocese and flexible for students' schedule throughout the academic year

Duration of Internship: September 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026 (Academic Year)

Hours per week: 15; Hours will be split evenly between the LSA Program and the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Location: Remote, based in the Archdiocese of Atlanta with the opportunity for in-person work at diocesan office as available

Stipend amount: \$1000/month

To apply: Send cover letter and resume to katie@nrpe.org