

Institute for Policy Integrity

New York University School of Law

Research Associate Positions: Fall 2009

The Institute for Policy Integrity (www.policyintegrity.org) offers semester-long Research Associate positions for NYU Law students. Co-founded by NYU Law School Dean Richard L. Revesz and Michael A. Livermore, IPI is a non-partisan think-tank and advocacy center sponsored by the law school and devoted to improving the quality of government decisionmaking through legal advocacy and academic scholarship in the fields of administrative law, economics, and public policy. IPI maintains a particular focus on the environment and public health.

Each Fall and Spring semester, IPI seeks 6-8 J.D. and LL.M. students with superior academic skills, preferably with journal experience or a background in economics, public policy, or environmental health. Students work part-time (approximately 10 hours per week) as Research Associates, with flexibility during exam periods. RAs also attend monthly workshops focused on developing the practical skills necessary to engage in the legislative and administrative processes. Students may earn either law school credit through directed research projects or research assistant compensation for their work at IPI.

In close collaboration with IPI attorneys, RAs work on cutting-edge legal and public policy issues in the areas of environmental, public health, and consumer protection. They conduct legal and policy research, and draft legal memoranda, briefs, congressional testimony, and comments on pending regulatory actions. RAs also provide research, drafting, and editorial support for IPI academic publications.

In 2008-2009, RAs were integral to IPI's work. Here is a snapshot of their contributions:

- Conducted research and helped draft *amicus curiae* briefs in administrative law cases on rules that affected women's access to reproductive health care and the permissible hours of truck drivers.
- Analyzed state legal materials and interviewed government officials to study regulatory review practices in all fifty states.
- Analyzed energy subsidy policies and helped prepare public comments on New York State's energy plan.
- Helped organize IPI's Fall 2009 workshop on *Cost-Benefit Analysis and Issue Advocacy*.

To Apply:

Interested students should send: (1) a cover letter; (2) an unofficial law school transcript; and (3) a current resume to inimai.chettiar@nyu.edu, with "Research Associate Program" in the subject line. The deadline for Fall semester applications is September 9, 2009. We accept and evaluate applications on a rolling basis.

IPI RAs conducted research and drafted sections for these major IPI reports:

Fixing Regulatory Review: Recommendations for the Next Administration was distributed to key top-level officials in the Obama Administration to provide guidelines on regulatory review and cost-benefit analysis of regulation.

The Price of Neglect: The Hidden Environmental and Public Health Costs of Bad Economics examined the regulatory failures of the Bush years on issues such as climate change and workplace safety.

The Road Ahead: EPA's Options and Obligations for Regulating Greenhouse Gases provided an in-depth analysis of greenhouse gas regulation under the Clean Air Act as a guide for policymakers.