COP Overview

The Center on Policing (COP), formerly known as the Rutgers Police Institute, was founded by Dr. George Kelling in 2001. In 2018, our Center joined the Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience (CPR) and the Center for Intelligence Studies under the Rutgers Institute for Secure Communities (RISC). Our Center is composed of individuals with a broad range of experience in the public safety arena. Our mission is to integrate research and evidence-based best-practices into police operations, violence reduction, problem-solving, community policing, education, training, and the development of criminal justice policy and practice. The COP achieves its goals by focusing on three areas: Research, Technology, and Education & Technical Assistance. Please visit our website to learn more about past and current projects at www.centeronpolicing.org.

Internship Position Description

The COP is looking for an intern with an interest in Criminal Justice and other related fields including intelligence, technology, and research. The intern should be able to work independently and do research utilizing the internet and various online databases. We are currently exploring potential areas of research such as the opioid crisis, information sharing, and the use of technology in law enforcement. The intern would have the opportunity to meet and work with law enforcement and technology professionals as well as the opportunity to support the various projects the center is working on based on the student’s skills and interests.

Required Skills

- Expertise is definitely not required, but an interest in criminal justice, technology, research, and the eagerness to learn about these fields is required
- Ability to complete research and data entry assignments on time
- Attention to detail and ability to focus on repetitive tasks, such as data entry
- Proactive and motivated student with an interest in learning about criminal justice

Required Qualifications

- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Current Rutgers undergraduate or graduate student studying Communications, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, or a related field with a strong background in data analysis
- Able to get credit through internship program with your academic school/department

Application Requirements

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please send the following to ccipriano@cop.rutgers.edu and rosalyn.bocker@cop.rutgers.edu using the subject line “COP Research Internship”:

- A cover letter describing your interest in and qualifications for the position
- Resume
- Unofficial Transcript