Reform for Illinois (RFI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest group that conducts research and advocates reforms to promote public participation in government, address the role of money in politics, and encourage integrity, accountability, and transparency in government.

RFI is seeking motivated interns who are interested in gaining experience in policy crafting, research, and journalistic writing. Interns play an integral role at RFI. Our small staff size offers interns the unique opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the organization and gain in-depth experience.

We accept applications from both undergraduate and graduate students. We are willing to work with the student’s institution to offer course credit (if needed), upon approval of instructor.

This position involves research and analysis of state political trends, and tracking key issues in state government. This internship provides an important opportunity to provide detailed policy research and analysis -- the results of which are often published in news sources across the state. The RFI Research & Policy Analyst will work closely with the Policy Director and Executive Director on weekly research projects and legislative proposals to be distributed statewide.

**Tasks will include:**
- Tracking of state political trends, and key topics in political news
- Research on Illinois’ policy methods in comparison to other major U.S. states
- Crafting recommendations for increased oversight, transparency, and accountability in Illinois government
- Analysis of campaign contributions and spending in top political races
- Synthesizing complex information for general distribution and use by local journalists

**Interns may also have an opportunity to support our research focus areas including but not limited to the following:**
- Analysis of current Campaign Finance Laws on state and national level.
- Conduct a survey on contribution caps and campaign finance disclosure laws (other large states and states similar to Illinois).
- Analysis of Legislative Rules in the IL General Assembly.
- Election/voter reform and policies to improve voter access and voter turnout in IL.

**Interns may also assist in the following areas:**
- Crafting organizational responses to current political news topics
- Producing infographics and charts for publication with research reports
The ideal candidate will have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Experience in journalism, policy drafting, or policy advocacy is preferred.

Applications submitted without a cover letter and resume will not be considered.

Please apply no later than May 1st, 2019.

Those interested in this internship may apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to outreach@reformforillinois.org specifying their position of interest and availability.