Illinois Assistive Technology Program:
Legislative Internship

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How should students submit cover letters and resumes? Email

General Description of agency or business
Illinois Assistive Technology Program is mandated by federal law. We provide assistive technology services to people with disabilities. We are cross disability and services are provided across the life span. We have four main programs: reutilization where people donate devices they no longer need to be put in the hands of other consumers; device loan where people borrow devices to see if they are what they need; demonstration unit where people can come and tour; and alternate state financing where people can apply for loans for technology related products. We also have grants from the Department of Rehab to work with people seeking to be employed and the Illinois state Board of Education to do evals on students as well as assist in IEP's with families.

Internship or Job Description
This internship would be a legislative internship and the students would work closely with Susy Woods and Phil Milsk at the Capitol in policy issues, legislative issues, and tacking bills.

Basic student learning anticipated
Knowledge of the Legislative Process. How bills are written, pushed forward, and passed. The importance of public policy as it relates to disability issues. How to talk with and deal with people in power, including legislators, staff and others.

Hours per week: 20
Number of weeks: 16
Position Available: Spring Semester

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