

TOM GROVE AND BETTY SHEEKS LAW SOCIAL ACTION INTERNSHIP

APPLICATION

About the Tom Grove and Betty Sheeks Law Social Action Internship

The Tom Grove and Betty Sheeks Law Social Action Internship was established in 2000 by Betty Sheeks Law, a 1942 economics graduate, and her husband Ed Law, to reward and encourage “someone with a passion for social action” and “someone who can be an agent of change.” It is named for Betty and her first husband, Tom Grove, a 1942 mechanical engineering graduate. In 1972, Mrs. Law added a master’s degree in social work from the University of Minnesota, where through her internship experiences, she gained valuable training and insights that carried over into her professional life.

Eligibility

SDSU graduate and undergraduate students who will perform an internship for academic credit are eligible. Preference will be given to students pursuing unpaid internships. Internships involving school counseling or probation work will not be considered.

Internship Placements and Assignments

Candidates select their own internship site, but may seek recommendations from their advisor or other University faculty. Internship assignments are to be determined by the internship supervisor in consultation with the student and the student’s internship coordinator or academic advisor.

Internship Duration

Internships must be a minimum of 10 weeks in duration.

Financial Support

Internship stipends range from \$500 to \$2,000 and are to be used for academic and living expenses associated with the internship. Stipends will not interfere with or reduce financial aid, any existing scholarships or other stipends. Awards will be processed through the Office of Financial Aid.

How to Apply

The Tom Grove and Betty Sheeks Law Social Action Internship seeks applications from highly motivated SDSU graduate and undergraduate students interested in furthering their education and experience in the human service and non-profit fields. To apply, complete the requested information on the application, attach a current resume, with both paid and volunteer positions, write a typed 500 word essay as directed, and obtain two references—one from a faculty member, such as your academic advisor or a professor in your field of study and one from someone who can speak to your motivation and direction in the human service field, such as an employer, volunteer supervisor or internship coordinator. Completed applications can be delivered to the SDSU Foundation (815 Medary Avenue, Brookings, SD) or emailed to jillian.baldini@sdstatefoundation.org.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receiving applications is **April 15, 2024**.

Selection Process

All applicants will be notified of their application status within three weeks following the application deadline. The Grove-Law Internship Faculty Steering Committee will review submitted applications and select finalists to interview. Finalists will be interviewed before the steering committee. *Stipend recipients will be informed of their status within a week following the interview.*

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Please return by **April 15, 2024** to:

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815 Medary Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006

Please **complete the requested information below** and **attach a current resume**, with both paid and volunteer positions, **along with a 500 word typed essay** that defines what social change means to you, what change you hope to affect during your internship experience, and how your internship fits with your career and personal goals.

Name _____ Student ID _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Credits completed toward graduation _____ Year in School _____

Address _____
Street, City, State, Zip

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Academic Internship Advisor _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Your Internship

1. Name of agency/organization _____

2. Address _____
Street, City, State, Zip

3. Internship supervisor _____

4. My internship is: Paid Unpaid

5. Length of internship _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____

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1. How long have you known this individual? And, in what capacity?
2. Please address how you believe this student's proposed internship will affect social change.
3. Please provide any additional comments that you feel would be helpful in determining the student's qualifications for an internship of this nature.

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Title _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

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