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# HONG KONG

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*The Lion Rock Institute*

## About Us

The Lion Rock Institute was founded in 2004 to protect and expand Hong Kong's special position as the fortress and showcase of the free market. The Lion Rock Institute publishes books and journals, offers monthly events and conferences, publishes newspaper articles, attends government meetings, TV and radio shows, and lectures at schools.



## Description of Internship

- Assist staff as researchers/writers, and be published in Hong Kong's media outlets
- Help organize and attend conferences, debates, and forums
- Keep up to date on Hong Kong policy developments by attending Legislative Council Meetings
- Assist in the building of relationships between local University students and LRI as LRI Student Ambassadors

## Requirements

- A general understanding of economic principles.
- A strong interest in Hong Kong and the role it plays in the region
- A commitment to individual liberty, private property and limited government

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## The Lion Rock Institute Internship Guidelines

The Lion Rock Institute's (LRI) interns are expected to take away as much as they can from their experience with us. In order to facilitate this, we do our best to align interns and their preferences with what is needed at LRI.

### Benefits

Students interested in Hong Kong or the greater Asian region are placed in the heart of history in progress. Through constant interaction with supervisors, co-workers, and individuals connected with LRI, students expand and improve on their interpersonal and communication skills, as well as develop a sense of self. Students integrate classroom theory with real-life work experience, and better understand the relevance of their coursework. LRI internships increase motivation to learn and allow students to nurse and develop skills and use resources that may not be available on campus. An internship with LRI also gives students the opportunity to examine and evaluate career plans and personal philosophies and adjust them accordingly. Because LRI interns need to be open minded and willing to learn, they develop skills necessary for any work environment, including communication, writing, interpersonal skills, teamwork, time management, and goal setting. Helpful for those interested in further education or going on to work in their field, out of the intern's responsibilities and our encouragement, they build a network of professional contacts.

### Description

Lion Rock internships are for undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students, regardless of major(s), or law students who have a strong interest in Asia, especially Hong Kong, and a commitment to individual liberty, private property, free markets, limited government, and the philosophy of classical, or market, liberalism.

There is a wide variety of areas in which interns can work at The Lion Rock Institute. Policy areas include such subjects as Healthcare, Education, Labor Law and Competition Policy (Antitrust). Interns assist directors, research associates and scholars with research and data collection. Some interns may wish to work in Media Relations and Development, where they get hands-on experience working with journalists and donors. Some also choose to work in technology, maintaining and creating content for our blogs, website, and video material. While some choose to study and research policy, opportunities exist in arts and graphic design. All interns fulfill such responsibilities as clerical work, research, writing, and setting up for Lion Rock events, including registering guests and helping at public forums and debates. This is for good reason, as we encourage and foster our interns' development of relationships with others during their internship with LRI.

- This version of the internship packet is a non-macro. Please write your responses in the spaces below the question.
- The questionnaire serves to facilitate the appropriate placement of interns.
- Please fill out the questionnaire, either via computer form or handwritten, and send it via email back to [Nicole.alpert@lionrockinstitute.org](mailto:Nicole.alpert@lionrockinstitute.org). Alternatively, if you'd like to return it by fax, please email for the appropriate number.

If you are interested in interning with The Lion Rock Institute and are not applying with an organization or school, please fill out the following pages and return to us by the correct date below.

- **July 1** for the fall semester; notification by August 1;
- **November 1** for the spring semester (or winter break); notification by December 1;
- **March 1** for the summer; notification by April 15.

To allow for visa and travel arrangements, international applicants' application forms and autobiographies must be received by:

- **June 1** for the fall semester; notification by July 1;
- **October 1** for the spring semester; notification by November 1;
- **February 1** for the summer; notification by April 1.

Internship program starting and ending dates:

- **Fall:** Early September to late December
- **Spring:** Early January to late May
- **Summer:** Early June to late August
- **For dates not listed, please write to us in person.**

If you are interested in interning specific dates rather than dates listed above, please write to us in person or include below.

If you are interested in receiving a stipend, you may apply for outside funding with LRIs help. Please note this below if you need to earn a stipend. Please also note if you need assistance in finding affordable accommodation below.

**General Information**

Salutation:

First name:

Last name:

Date of Birth:

**Your temporary address**

Street:

City:

State/Region:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Phone: (including area/country code)

**Your permanent address**

Street:

City:

State/Region:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Where do you prefer to be contacted?

Temporary Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

What term are you applying for?

Name of School:

Degree held:

Degree sought:

Major/minor (concentrations of study):

Graduation date:

What are your long-term career goals? (50 words or less)

What are your short-term plans? (50 words or less)

Native Language:

Secondary Languages (with fluency):

What public-policy issues interest you and why? (50 words or less)

In what fields are you interested in working at The Lion Rock Institute (see below)?

Budget and Tax Policy; Competition Policy (Antitrust); Conference/Event Planning; Education and Child Policy; Energy; Environmental Studies; Elderly Policy; Human Rights; Health Care; Immigration Policy; Legal and Constitutional Issues; LegCo Government Affairs; Marketing; Media Relations; Monetary and Banking Policy; *Best Practice* Journal; Trade; Web Content; Welfare and Workforce

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

Please explain your placement choices. (100 words or less).

Which books would you consider the most influential in the development of your own political philosophy?

1.

Why?

2.

Why?

3.

Why?

Briefly describe the role of government in a free society? (100 words or less)

Explain how you expect to benefit from a Lion Rock internship and to advance the cause of liberty at LRI? (100 words or less)

What are your plans after your internship with LRI? (50 words or less)

What is your opinion on the relationship between mobility of labour and crime? (100 words or less)

What do you believe are your best skills and qualities? (50 words or less).

When are you available full-time? We do consider applications for part-time availability on a case-by-case basis. *(Skip this question if you are applying through a university/school)*

How did you hear about LRI internships? Please be as specific as possible.

Would you have interest in opportunities at other libertarian organizations (Yes/No)?

Please submit a 250 word autobiography (*not* a résumé) below.

## **Intern Placement**

As we read each application, we do our best to match the research interests and career goals of our top applicants to the needs of The Lion Rock Institute. While all interns share daily duties and help staff events, each intern's responsibilities vary by their assignment. The following job description should help applicants decide which features of Lion Rock would best suit them.

### **LRI Interns should have the following qualifications**

- familiar with economic principles
- familiarity with LexisNexis/e-journal research
- strong research and writing skills
- proficiency with computers; Office 2007
- exceptional communication skills
- strong ability to meet deadlines

### **The general workload for a LRI intern is below, depending on their area of interest:**

- frequent fact-finding missions to support scholars' op-eds, studies, and blog posts
- write and/or translate articles and essays for publication on the web
- help prepare articles for publication
- conduct literature reviews
- prepare daily news briefings for scholars and review relevant news articles and op-eds
- update/write content on blogs and websites
- write up background research on issues of interest to scholars
- create and manage email communications and contact lists of target audiences

## **Policy Research Intern**

### Workload

- frequent fact-finding missions to support scholars' op-eds, studies, and blog posts
- track pending legislation
- data collection for comparative studies of year to year changes in proposed legislation
- write up background research on issues of interest to scholars
- use e-journal and lexis nexus searches to research areas of interest
- author or help write publications or op-eds for publication
- design and publish own research project (details discussed post acceptance)

### Qualifications

- strong economic background
- proficiency in Excel
- interest in public policy

## **Media Relations and Development**

### Workload

- attend weekly media meetings
- prepare weekly summaries of LRI citations and media appearances
- track newsworthy topics for LRI scholars to comment
- draft pitch notes and press releases

### Qualifications

- excellent writing skills
- attention to detail
- ability to meet deadlines
- dedicated interest in media, public relations, and public policy

## **Web Content Intern**

### Workload

- monitor media and organization websites
- identify interesting content relevant to students
- compose article summaries and organization descriptions
- work with editor to organize web content
- attend student events
- find creative and innovative ways to improve LRI's student blog
- update information on blogs and websites

### Qualifications

- proficiency with computers and standard software
- excellent writing skills
- ability to meet deadlines
- attention to detail
- preferably familiar with graphic design

**\*Note: Graphic Designers should contact us if they are interested in interning for LRI**

### Intern Review at The Lion Rock Institute

I graduated from the Hong Kong Vocational Education Council and started to intern with The Lion Rock Institute (LRI) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2008. I think that it was a special experience for my summer vacation to join such events as Gala dinners and Luncheons. It was a good chance for me to learn more about economics and free market theory. Not only did I learn more about these subjects, but how to communicate and organize myself better as well, and I was able to meet many people during my stay with LRI.

LRI not only provided me with a training platform, which allowed me to learn more about office procedures, how to plan events, communicate effectively and research, but I learned how to research data when I focused on the laissez faire attitudes in Hong Kong. The topic was very interesting, as the attitude of Hong Kong people towards free market changes every year. I helped LRI with communications by contacting professors and the Government Authority. I learned how to build relationships starting from scratch, since I didn't have previous contact or history with any of the contacts I met.

LRI is an institute that focuses on the economy and free market, from minimum wage, plastic bag tax to any government action that might affect the economic environment. I was also encouraged to write articles for newspapers. I had to do my own research, and with the help of the staff, it could be made ready for publishing in a local newspaper.

LRI is a small group but their staff has a lot of energy to finish each project, big or small, and they always have lots of projects. Sometimes, we will collaborate on research projects with LRIs part time researchers, sharing opinions, which gave me great opportunities to learn about policy and other areas and gain confidence in all of them which I never had an introduction to before!

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