

Braver Angels Debate Team Internship: Summer 2022

Thank you for your interest in interning with the Braver Angels Debate Team! We love working with and learning alongside students all over the country every semester, and are thrilled you're here. Here's the job description. Ready to apply? Go to [https://forms.gle/Cqj2AqcKMMNYPVj9!](https://forms.gle/Cqj2AqcKMMNYPVj9)

Location: Remote

Duration: 1 semester (Summer 2022), starting in June

Terms: Unpaid, part time (10-15 hr/wk); flexible scheduling

Openings available: Multiple possible positions; see "Job Responsibilities" for more details

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Overview

Braver Angels is seeking interns to join the Braver Angels Debate Team! These internships provide an opportunity to gain valuable experience learning from a national nonprofit startup focused on civic engagement, social and political understanding, and a stronger kind of discourse and storytelling. This Braver Angels internship is ideal for college sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students with experience and/or interest in moderation/facilitation, depolarization, community engagement, or civic and political nonprofits.

Who We Are

Braver Angels (formerly Better Angels) is a 501c3 nonprofit devoted to helping America overcome political polarization. All of our programming works to ensure equal representation of “reds” and “blues,” and to help people engage with those on the other side of the aisle. We aim to positively impact community life and American institutions, using grassroots organizing to support local volunteers.

Our approach is guided by the Braver Angels Pledge:

- As individuals, we try to understand the other side’s point of view, even if we don’t agree with it.
- In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

The staff of the Braver Angels Debate Team includes April Kornfield (Director of Debates), Leah Libresco Sargeant (Public Discourse Chief of Staff), Chandler Skinner (Program Associate), Esther Cash (Marketing), and a network of fantastic volunteer contributors and coordinators.

Job Responsibilities

While the Debate Team produces a stream of events to further our mission to depolarize America (National Community Debates, National Panel Debates, College Debates, Classroom Debates, etc.), we are always always learning and experimenting. What you do as a Braver Angels Debate Team intern will vary somewhat depending on the opportunities in front of us and the particular skills and interests you bring to this work.

Among the high priority work we rely on:

- **Event Planning**— Creating registration portals for upcoming debates; adapting scheduling depending on team members and circumstances; tracking attendance and donations of Braver Angels members.
- **Debate Improvement** — Improving National Debate quality through analyzing speeches, questions, format, etc; Training as a Whip and Chair in order to facilitate and moderate Braver Angels’ Debates.
- **Writing & Editing** – Writing, editing, and research support for email outreach, possible debate topics, interagency communication, grant applications, and more.
- **Administrative and Logistical Support** – Inbox management, updating metrics and charts, scheduling with Google Calendar, note taking, etc.

- **Systems Management** — Documenting and organizing Debate Team resources and processes, especially with new projects.
- **Thought Partnership** – Our organization is dynamic, growing, and all about helping people express themselves honestly and productively! We value and provide growth opportunities to interns who are eager, self-motivated, and thoughtful contributors. In other words: Bring your ideas!

Who We Want

We enthusiastically welcome candidates from diverse political, racial, and economic backgrounds who are inspired by our mission to depolarize America. We are looking for candidates who are:

- **Hard working** – Candidates should be ready to undertake any task required, operate on tight timelines, and dependably produce high-quality work in a wide variety of contexts.
- **Organized** – Our work demands strong time and task management skills, plus an ability to structure tasks into logical steps and handle logistics efficiently and effectively.
- **Creative** – The Debate Team is only as strong as the energy and ideas we put into it. We want interns who are eager collaborators and thought partners, and can nudge us in fun new directions.
- **Interested in cultivating stronger civic discourse** – We are a mission-driven organization. People motivated by our mission will feel right at home!

Qualifications

- At least 1 year of college education (required)
- Strong writing and communication skills (required)
- Proficiency with Google tools (strongly preferred)
- 10 hours of weekly work availability (strongly preferred)
- Strong academic or professional record (preferred)

What We Offer

- Exposure to a broad and politically diverse range of colleagues, volunteers, and on-the-ground leaders and influencers in civic media and politics from all over the country
- A chance to help people understand different perspectives better
- The ability to become well-versed in the logistical aspect of Google Workspace, Eventbrite, Zoom, and more.
- Excellent professional experience at a nationally prominent nonprofit organization
- Involvement in a community that works every day to make a positive impact in our country
- College credit, of course! Just let us know what you need from us to secure it.

To Apply

- Please fill out our [Braver Angels Debate Internship Application Form](#). You will need to upload your resume and answer questions about eligibility, availability, interest, and more.
- We are accepting applications for multiple possible positions in the Summer Semester through May 1st, and may begin contacting candidates for interviews as early as April 25th. If you have any questions that this job description and our application form don't address, reach out to chandler@braverangels.org.

Learn More

To get to know our organization and its work, visit our website at braverangels.org, sign up for our newsletters, and check out recent episodes of the [Braver Angels Podcast](#).