

JLens Internship

JLens is seeking an intern to support JLens' corporate advocacy and outreach work.

Location: Remote.

Hours: Flexible

About JLens: JLens (www.jlensnetwork.org) is a nonprofit established in 2012 to explore a Jewish lens on investing and serve as a bridge between the Jewish community and the global responsible investing arena. Responsible investing (or impact investing) describes the practice of aligning investment capital with values to achieve positive impact alongside financial return. Responsible investing is immensely popular and growing, and faith groups have a leadership role in the field.

JLens represents the Jewish community in this arena: we build long-term advocacy relationships with major corporations to move the needle on corporate behavior, and we are an active participant in the field at dozens of investor coalitions and convenings annually. JLens offers education to Jewish institutions and individuals on Jewish values and impact investing (for example, the Jewish Impact Investing Summit) and guidance for Jewish institutions who seek to align their investments with Jewish values. JLens oversees the Jewish Advocacy Strategy, a large-cap US public equity investment offering seeded by Jewish organizations.

Projects:

Scoring Companies based on 6 Jewish Value Pillars: An intern will research the public companies held in the portfolio of JLens' Jewish Advocacy Strategy through corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability report, news sources, etc. to update company scores based on JLens' 6 Jewish value pillars: obligation to coexistence, obligation to society, obligation to the worker, obligation to the environment, obligation to ethical business, and support for Israel. Scoring will involve assessing environmental and diversity metrics disclosed by companies, looking into operations in Israel, and any projects or programs related to any of the pillars as discussed by the companies.

Research portfolio companies prior to engagement calls: JLens speaks regularly to the 300 companies in its portfolio and advocates on a number of issues. An intern will research company performance in areas like sustainability (emissions, emissions targets, water and waste reduction, etc.), diversity (make up of board and senior management, trainings offered, pay equity analysis, any particular programs to enhance recruitment and retention of diverse employees), operations in Israel (offices, supplier relationships, retail, etc.), human rights (supply chain due diligence, monitoring of human trafficking, etc). When possible, interns should join company calls, take notes, and assist the Director of Advocacy with post call write ups.

Coalition Engagement: JLens works with other investors and organizations regularly surrounding various issue areas. An intern will attend calls focusing on specific issues (ex: methane emissions, health equity, climate lobbying) and represent JLens on calls, taking notes and identifying potential engagement opportunities.

Issue Area Research: There are always new issue areas emerging that JLens seeks to address. For example, recent current issues include forced Uyghur labor in the solar industry supply chains, and drug companies ensuring Covid vaccine access. An intern will attend webinars and do research on particular topics, creating short write ups about these issues to be used for JLens to identify advocacy opportunities, and further engage companies around these issues.

Communication Pieces: JLens seeks to communicate its work with investors, and the Jewish community at large. An intern will write thought pieces incorporating current research on particular issue areas, JLens engagements, and Jewish textual context to be published on the JLens blog, website, or sent out in other JLens communications.

To Apply: Please send a resume and short paragraph about your interest to Dani Nurick at dani@jlensnetwork.org.