In 2012, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo created the Tenant Protection Unit (TPU) to proactively investigate and root out fraud and illegality by landlords of rent regulated apartments. Standing alone, the TPU is a powerful oversight and investigatory unit of New York State Homes and Community Renewal that vigorously enforces landlord obligations to the more than one million tenants who live in rent regulated apartments in New York City and its surrounding counties.

Since its inception, the TPU has sought to maintain affordable housing and preserve affordable rents for New Yorkers by: (1) recapturing over 60,000 apartments to rent regulation, which has the added benefit of saving the State $2 billion in construction and rehabilitation costs for replacement units of affordable rental housing, (2) returning over $4 million dollars in overcharged rent to tenants who did not know they were paying more than required by law, (3) serving comprehensive subpoenas on landlords to force compliance, and (4) informing landlords and tenants of their rights and obligations under the law.

The Audit and Investigator Intern will work closely with the TPU’s Director of Investigations to audit landlord claims of rent increases based on apartment improvements. He/she will conduct initial rent reviews of submitted documents and evidence (such as contracts, invoices, receipts, rent ledgers, affidavits, photographs, etc.) and analyze documents and data to discern patterns of malfeasance and fraud.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to TPUinfo@nyshcr.org. Cover letters may be addressed to Lewis Gray, Director of Audit and Investigations, Tenant Protection Unit. Candidates with a demonstrated interest in public service and government are encouraged to apply. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. New York State Homes and Community Renewal – Tenant Protection Unit is an equal opportunity employer, M/F/D/V.