



# SUMMER

## INTERNSHIPS IN DC

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON SEMESTER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*Join us for an*  
Election Year in Washington, D.C.

Intern at in an organization relevant to your professional goals (four days per week).

Attend topical seminars that meet one day a week. Choose from American Politics, Communications & New Media, Community & Social Change, Economics & International Business, International Affairs, and Justice & Law (earn 3 credits from American University).

Take an optional Research Project course on a topic of your choice, enabling you to conduct primary research with expert interviews in Washington, D.C. (3 credits), or choose from a variety of elective courses.

Live on American University's convenient Tenley campus or independently.

## SEMINARS

Our distinguished program emphasizes experiential education in Washington, D.C., providing students the opportunity to learn directly from experts and to visit key organizations. The weekly seminar session, led by a Washington Semester Program professor, provides students with diverse opportunities including:

- Professional development advice and discussion to help you make the most of your internship experience.
- Guest speakers and site visits at well known organizations active in your field such as: US Supreme Court, FBI, Washington Post, NBC News, the State Department, Congressional Representatives, and the World Bank.
- Discussion sessions focused on current event topics related to your seminar field. For example, in Justice and Law you may visit the Supreme Court and discuss recent cases decided by the Court. While in International Affairs, after visiting the State Department, you can discuss current foreign policy priorities and challenges.
- Comparison of the roles and capacities of 'key actors' in your field as you hear directly from experts and visit their organizations. This 'hands-on' experience offers broad professional development opportunities.
- Classes, instruction, guest speakers, and diverse assignments that help you to make valuable connections in your field and strengthen your résumé with real-world experience, all while earning academic credit.

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## INTERNSHIPS

We pride ourselves on the professional internships that are offered with our summer program. After you submit your deposit a placement advisor will assist you throughout the application process, providing the following:

- Resume and cover letter samples, advice, and editing
- Support with preparing application packets, including references and writing samples
- A list of organizations that work closely with our program and give priority to our students
- Assistance with finding organizations of interest to you
- Guidance on how to apply to internships, using online application systems and how to interview by phone
- Personal guidance on which internships may be the best match for you

As placement advisors guide you through the internship application process, you not only have the opportunity to consider diverse internships but also to learn application skills that can be utilized throughout your professional career. After you have accepted an internship, your summer seminar professor will provide you with advice and assistance in making the most of that experience and other professional development opportunities. Your internship will help you gain practical knowledge in your field, valuable experience to get noticed in today's challenging job market, and networks that will last a lifetime.



International Affairs students attended a seminar at the Council on Foreign Relations.

## SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

Held by recent summer students

American Bar Association  
Bank of America  
BBC News DC Office  
DC Police Department  
DC Public Defender's Office  
Democratic National Committee  
National Council on Arab Relations  
National Defense University  
National Endowment for the Humanities

National Press Club  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Republican National Committee  
Save Darfur  
U.S.-Japan Business Council  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Senate & House of Representatives  
World Wildlife Fund  
Women for Women International

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