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ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS



CAPITAL SEMESTER THE ULTIMATE DC EXPERIENCE!

Spend your fall or spring semester gaining real-world experience while earning college credit in the nation's capital.

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Come to **Washington, DC**, to gain real-world experience, build your resume and sharpen your professional skills.

The best way to experience DC is through the **Capital Semester** program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS). In 15 weeks, you will earn 12 credits, complete a professional internship, build your network and live in the heart of the nation's capital.



Students meet Rep. Ed Royce of California during a program networking reception.

“ Through this program, I learned self-confidence and leadership skills I will carry with me through my future endeavors. Participating in Capital Semester was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

*Kelsey Sanders, University of Kentucky
Intern, Office of U.S. Congressman John Yarmuth*



You will live just blocks from the U.S. Capitol building, Library of Congress and the Supreme Court in residential apartment buildings in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Fully furnished housing and roommate matching is provided as part of our comprehensive package.

- Steps away from Metrorail and bus stops
- Roommate matching with other program participants
- Resident advisors on site
- Wi-Fi and cable
- Fully equipped kitchens

LEARN

Courses for Credit

Earn course credit while you intern! You will be enrolled full time and earn 12 credits for the fall or spring semester. The program's academic goal is to help you explore the principles and values upon which the United States was founded. What better place to do that than in the heart of the nation's capital? Our unique curriculum is designed to complement your DC experience with upper-level government and economic courses that fit a wide range of interest areas.

Academic course credit is provided through the DC Metro area's George Mason University.

- Recently ranked #1 "Up and Coming University" by U.S. News and World Report, and home to a renowned economics department with Nobel Prize-winning faculty
- State of the art lecture halls and classrooms are in Mason's new public policy campus in nearby Arlington, Virginia, just minutes away by DC's Metrorail system

All students will be enrolled in the following courses:

- Upper-Level Government Course (3 credits)
- International Economic Policy (3 credits)
- Internship Seminar (6 credits)

Please visit www.DCinternships.org/CS for the courses available each semester.



Exclusive Guest Lectures

In addition to academic courses, Capital Semester features guest lectures that will give you a chance to learn, question and exchange business cards with leading well-connected Washington professionals. As part of our comprehensive program, these interactive events enhance your academic and professional experience.

Guest speakers and discussion leaders include:

- Ambassadors
- Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists
- Judges
- Fortune 500 executives
- Nonprofit and community leaders
- Members of Congress
- Advocates and lobbyists
- Leading economists

APPLY NOW

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis with preference given to early applicants. Details on the admissions process – including tuition fees, deadlines and an online application – can be found at www.DCinternships.org/CS.

- Application Requirements:
- Official Transcript
 - Letter of recommendation from a professor or former supervisor
 - Resume
 - Short writing samples
 - \$25 application fee

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An **internship** is one of the most important investments you can make in your future. It can lead to a full-time job, glowing letters of recommendation and important professional contacts in your field. As part of our program, **you are guaranteed an internship** placement in the DC area.

TFAS has been creating academic internship experiences for more than 50 years and works with over 300 top organizations in DC.

Internship placements include:

- Federal agencies
- Congressional offices
- Policy groups and think tanks
- International affairs organizations
- Embassies
- Media outlets and public relations firms
- Government relations offices
- Community-based nonprofit organizations



Student **Bethany Ricciardi** of Keene State College broadcasts from her internship with Radio America.

CONNECT

Who you know does matter – especially when it comes to your future job search. Our comprehensive programs are designed so you can make valuable professional connections and practice your networking skills in a real-world setting.

TFAS programs offer a number of networking opportunities to enhance your internship experience and maximize your time in DC:

A **Mentor Program** matches you with a DC professional working in your field. Your mentor will provide tips for living in Washington as well as career advice and networking contacts.

Professional Development Seminars

prepare you to stand out in today's competitive job market. Topics include resume, cover letter and interviewing preparation, as well as skill building in public speaking, networking and graduate school admissions.

Roundtable Discussions & Networking

Receptions with program alumni and policy experts will help you learn how to leverage your DC experience into a future internship or full-time job after graduation.

Site Briefings will give you behind-the-scenes exposure to some of the most influential institutions and organizations in Washington. Only a structured internship program such as ours can open this many doors.

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Capitol
- Federal Trade Commission
- Embassies
- World Bank
- International Monetary Fund
- Supreme Court
- Federal Reserve
- National Press Club
- Newseum
- The Pentagon



Amb. **Julia Chang Bloch** speaks one-on-one with students following a guest lecture.

Students gain more than 450 hours of professional experience.

Benefits of our internships:

- Approximately 30 hours of work experience per week for 15 weeks
- Staff dedicated to finding you the ideal placement for your interests and skill set
- Firsthand exposure to the DC professional scene
- Customized resume and interview guidance
- Easily accessible by public transportation

TFAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our programs strive to be accessible and affordable to the best and brightest students regardless of financial status. Scholarship awards are granted at the time of acceptance, giving you the best picture of whether the program is financially right for you.

- Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit • Over 85% of students receive scholarship assistance
- Existing financial aid packages may be transferred to finance participation

YOUR FUTURE BEGINS NOW

What better place to get started than Washington, DC, where history and front-page news are made every day?



White House

National Mall

Washington Monument



This could be your backyard!



U.S. Supreme Court

Library of Congress

United States Capitol



TFAS Student Housing

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I got to see the inner workings of Washington. I learned how to get around in a fast-paced professional environment and made amazing connections.

Charissa Wright, University of North Carolina at Wilmington Intern, Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto LLP

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LIVE. LEARN. INTERN. in Washington, DC



The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) sponsors semester and summer programs based in Washington, DC. TFAS was founded in 1967 and has graduated more than 17,000 students from across the U.S. and abroad. Each program includes courses for academic credit, an internship placement, furnished housing, guest lectures and site briefings, as well as professional development and networking events.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Economics
- Business
- Government
- International Affairs
- Public Policy
- Journalism & Communications
- Nonprofit Sector

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