The D.C. Internship

The Washington Center provides more than an internship. Through our program, you will engage in meaningful coursework and programming, expand your network, and transition from college life into your professional future.

The Internship
You can expect to work nearly full time at an internship that is tailored to your interests, skills and professional goals.

Gateway to Washington, D.C.
Spend a semester or term getting to know the nation's capital. The following are just a few examples of the places you could go and the people you could meet through a TWC program.

- Meet with dignitaries at one of the city’s many embassies
- Enjoy a dinner or happy hour with fellow interns in Dupont Circle restaurants
- Learn about international development at the World Bank
- Take the Metro to Virginia and explore Old Town Alexandria or Arlington Cemetery
- Visit the Paralyzed Veterans of America for your civic engagement project
- Hear from prominent leaders through TWC’s speakers series
- Discuss internship goals with your program advisor

Intern with one of more than 1,000 sites located throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland or Virginia

The Leadership Forum
Attend weekly events that include a speakers series, a career boot camp, a civic engagement project, a meeting on Capitol Hill and more.

Stay in shape with evening jogs on the National Mall

Explore events and activities on the map.
Experience

TWC Support Network

Many people are on hand to help guide, support and educate you throughout your experience.

TWC Program Advisor
- Helps you establish goals, organizes special programming and provides feedback on assignments.

Internship Site Supervisor
- Oversees your professional work, provides tasks and direction, and evaluates your performance.

Professor
- Teaches your academic course, facilitates class discussions and evaluates your academic work.

Internship Management Team
- Communicates with you pre-arrival, helps identify internship options and refers your materials to potential sites.

Student Services Staff
- Provide career advice, organize cultural and networking events and assist students with disabilities.

Resident Assistants
- Support you in TWC housing facilities and arrange social activities.

TWC Alumni
- Connect with you through networking events or social media and may provide future job leads.

Fellow TWC Interns
- Share the TWC experience with you, help you explore all D.C. has to offer and may become lifelong friends.

The Academic Courses

TWC courses range across many academic disciplines, and you’ll select one that meets during one evening each week.

Networking and Social Activities

Take advantage of the countless opportunities D.C. has to offer after work hours and on weekends.

The Portfolio

Throughout the semester you will develop a portfolio to document, analyze and reflect on your experience. The final product will provide impressive evidence of your accomplishments in Washington, D.C.

Tour the National Air and Space Museum and many other free Smithsonian museums

Take the Metro to Maryland to explore Bethesda, Silver Spring or Rockville*

Attend a résumé review session

Have a policy dialogue with a member of Congress on Capitol Hill

Participate in your academic course

*Internship sites or TWC housing may be located in these areas.
The Washington, D.C. Internship Experience

There’s no better way to launch your career than with a professional internship. In fact, interning is becoming a crucial step in landing that all-important first job. These days, nine out of ten entry-level hires have completed an internship. So it’s no surprise that the majority of undergraduates are making it a priority to complete an internship by the time they graduate.

But an internship is only part of the story.

One of the many things that make The Washington Center special is its unique integration of academics with real-world experience.

We offer a wide variety of classes to complement your internship. Academic coursework extends your on-campus learning and may help you earn credit from your home institution.

You’ll also take part in our Leadership Forum, which is a structured set of activities that enrich your experience in Washington, D.C. It helps you understand leadership and the opportunity you have to contribute to your community locally, nationally and internationally.

It’s all part of our educational philosophy. One that integrates professional work, classwork and special programming in an overall learning experience unlike any other.
The Internship Programs

Every Washington Center student selects a program that is led by one or more professional program advisors who counsel, supervise and evaluate their students. Program advisors also organize activities during the days or half-days when students are not at their internship.

We offer the following internship programs:

- Advocacy, Service & Arts
- Business & Global Trade
- Cordova Congressional Internship (students from Puerto Rico only)
- Ford Motor Company Global Scholars (students from selected countries)
- Governors (students from Mexico only)
- International Affairs
- Law & Criminal Justice
- Media & Communications
- Political Leadership
- Prudential Foundation Global Citizens (students from selected countries)
- Science, Technology and Society

For students with undergraduate degrees or graduate students not wishing to receive credit:

- Postgraduate Professional Development Program

For descriptions of these and other programs offered, please visit www.twc.edu/programs
Brad Queisser
Vice President, Managing Director
mCapitol Management

“Having students join our team here at mCapitol Management for a semester gives us the chance to expose them to policy makers and other organizations that play a role in the political arena. We ensure that interns at mCapitol Management become a crucial part of the office’s daily functioning and give them the opportunity to oversee and work on projects of their own.”

Marie-Claude Lavoie
TWC Internship Supervisor
Pan American Health Organization

“The Washington Center’s screening process saves us time, money and effort. They send us only the right students with the right skill sets, who have just the right blend of academic training, motivation and character. Their energy, their enthusiasm and their dedication to the job at hand are infectious.”

**Internship Selection Process**

TWC matches you with an internship. Throughout this process, our Internship Management Team offers ongoing assistance and feedback. A member of The Internship Management Team schedules an introductory phone call to:

- Define next steps in the selection process.
- Review the documents you have submitted with your application.
- Discuss potential internship site options.
- Address goals and expectations based on your knowledge, skills and interests.

Referral Process

Prospective Internship Sites contact you to set up phone interviews.

The Internship Management Team suggests preparing for phone interviews by:

- Practicing interview skills
- Investigating trends in your field of interest
- Participating in TWC’s online workshops
- Defining next steps in the selection process
- Reviewing the documents you have submitted with your application
- Discussing potential internship site options
- Addressing goals and expectations based on your knowledge, skills and interests

You have phone interviews with interested internship sites. The Internship Management Team provides guidance to prepare you for your interviews.

TWC will work on matching you with prospective internship sites. You are an active participant during this process.
Launch Your Career

The Internship

The Washington Center serves students in all majors, with interests in a wide variety of fields. These include the government, nonprofit and business arenas, as well as many others that may partially overlap with them—the worlds of media and communications, science and technology, law and criminal justice, and international affairs. Let us know your interests, whatever they are. We’ll find you substantive and exciting internship options to help you on your way, so that whatever your professional interests may be, you’ll get access to an internship that fits your specific needs.

Our internships give you the chance to work almost full time, allowing you to feel like a member of the staff at your office. You may assist attorneys during a trial, evaluate capital markets, help in radio or television production or attend congressional hearings. You could be conducting scientific research, advocating policy positions, writing a business plan or developing websites and databases.

At the end of it all, you’ll not only be in a more secure position in today’s marketplace but also much more confident about your own talents and clearer on your own direction.

How TWC matches you with the right internship

The Washington Center maintains ties with more than 1,000 organizations that provide high-quality internships in the Washington, D.C. area. Our experienced staff knows which placements offer the best internship experiences for your profile.

Your application will be referred to potential internship sites, usually between five and eight. You should stay in close contact with our Internship Management Team throughout the placement process, and you can use our online system to track where your application has been sent. You will likely have phone interviews with potential supervisors interested in your candidacy, and you will have the opportunity to accept or decline offers. The Internship Management Team will offer advice regarding specific options to help you make decisions. But you decide your final placement.

Final Internship Selection Process:
- Internship offer(s) are made.
- You select an internship.*
- Your program advisor contacts you and prepares you for your arrival.

*J1 visa process begins for students attending schools outside the United States.
Build Your Professional Network

The Leadership Forum

The Washington Center produces not only future leaders in their professions, but also well-informed citizens who are engaged with their communities and their world. By taking part in our Leadership Forum, you will get the chance to listen to and engage with distinguished speakers, including cabinet members, ambassadors, journalists and members of Congress. You’ll get direct access to the perspectives and experiences of important leaders from the business, nonprofit, media, government and diplomatic communities. You’ll also have the opportunity to get engaged in the community around you and make a real difference. The Leadership Forum consists of the following five components:

The Alan K. Simpson-Norman Y. Mineta Leaders Series (SMLS)
On selected Monday afternoons you’ll hear the perspectives and experiences of distinguished leaders from the business, nonprofit and government sectors as well as the diplomatic community.

Small Group Sessions
Throughout your Washington Center program, you’ll benefit from activities—panels, site visits, briefings—especially designed for students with your professional interests.

Civic Engagement Project
You’ll have an opportunity to be involved in projects where you learn and apply skills needed to make a positive difference in the community.

Roundtable on Philanthropy and Social Responsibility
This event highlights how the public and private sectors, individual philanthropists and non-governmental organizations work together to address pressing social challenges in the United States and around the globe.

Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill (PPDCH)
You’ll meet in a small group with a member of Congress or senior staff on Capitol Hill for a discussion of current issues.

The Portfolio
You will develop a portfolio, the components of which document, analyze and reflect on the internship experience. The final product provides prospective employers, as well as graduate and professional schools, with impressive evidence of what you have accomplished.

For details on the Leadership Forum, please visit www.twc.edu/leadership-forum
Past speakers include:

- Secretary Madeleine K. Albright, The Albright Group (pictured above)
- Anna E. Cabral, U.S. Treasurer
- Dick Cheney, U.S. Vice President (pictured above)
- U.S. Congressman James Clyburn (D-SC), House Majority Whip
- Sam Donaldson, ABC News Anchor (pictured above)
- Carlos Gutierrez, U.S. Secretary of Commerce
- U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE)
- Brian Lamb, founder, chairman and CEO of C-SPAN (pictured above)
- Mike McCurry, White House Press Secretary
- Lori Montenegro, National Correspondent—Washington Bureau, Telemundo (pictured above)
- Dr. Klaus Scarioth, German Ambassador to the United States

For a list of past and recent speakers, please visit www.twc.edu/speakers
Dr. Alicia Campi
Professor

Course
U.S. and China in the 20th and 21st Centuries

“I teach Washington Center courses related to East Asian and Chinese history and Chinese-U.S. economic relations. The opportunity to work with Washington Center students from different backgrounds and schools has been a stimulating intellectual challenge for me over the years, and this fact, together with the ever-changing nature of the U.S. relationship with Asia, keeps the topics fresh and relevant. I am happy to say that I still hear from some of my former students now out making their own careers.”
Pursue Your Academic Interests

The Academic Course

An academic course is an integral part of your Washington Center experience. You’ll be able to choose one from approximately 30 courses typically offered each semester or summer term.

These are serious academic courses that, combined with the internship, can help you earn credit at your home college or university. They have, in many cases, a direct relationship to the work you’re doing throughout the week and range from politics, business and economics to international affairs and communications.

The courses, led by highly qualified faculty who are dedicated teachers, meet one night per week. They are grounded in traditional disciplines yet taught within the context of the wide array of resources available in Washington, D.C.

Frequently offered courses include:

American Politics and Public Policy
- Campaigning for a Cause: How Advocacy Groups Change the World
- Government and Business in the New Economic and Political Reality
- The American Presidency

Business, Management and Public Administration
- Global Markets and International Business Strategies
- From Ideas to Action: the Anatomy of Entrepreneurship

Communications
- Media and the Movies
- The Mass Media and National Politics: Explaining Washington to the Public

International Affairs and Foreign Policy
- U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Dynamics of Change
- International Human Rights
- How Washington Engages the Arab Middle East

Law and Criminal Justice
- Philosophy of Law, the Supreme Court and the U.S. Constitutional Tradition
- White Collar Crime
- Introduction to Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

Leadership
- Essentials for Aspiring Leaders
- Nonprofit Leadership and Management

Research
- Research and Writing Seminar

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Issues in Science Policy
- Forensic Psychology

Washington, D.C.-based courses
- Scandalous Washington: Uncovering D.C. History
- Black Broadway and Beyond: The African-American Experience in Washington, D.C.

For a list of academic courses, please visit www.twc.edu/courses
Guaranteed Housing

One of the most exciting aspects of coming to The Washington Center is where you will live. Whether or not you choose our housing, you will have ample opportunities to meet fellow interns, have fun and explore one of the world’s liveliest and most engaging cities.

Although most interns choose to live in our housing, you are not required to do so. You should be aware, however, that some scholarships are contingent on using TWC housing.
The Washington Center Housing

The locations, layouts and amenities vary, but units typically:

- are convenient to shops, restaurants and stores
- are fully furnished and equipped with air conditioning
- include fully equipped kitchens
- provide laundry facilities
- provide high-speed wireless Internet, cable and local phone access
- have 24-hour front desk coverage or are in secured-access buildings

For more information on TWC housing, please visit www.twc.edu/housing

The Washington Center housing

We don’t house you in dormitories. Instead, you’ll share an apartment with other Washington Center interns in either our Residential and Academic Facility near Capitol Hill or in one of a few carefully selected buildings in northern Virginia or suburban Maryland, all near a station on Washington’s Metro subway system.

Best of all, you will live with TWC interns and get to know people from not only the United States but also around the world. You will participate in a variety of social activities, trips and adventures with your colleagues, and at the end of it all, you will have created solid and lasting friendships that remain long after completing your internship with TWC.

With its staff of Student Services professionals and RAs assigned to each building, The Washington Center allows you to be independent but also be assured that support is available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency.
Explore the Nation’s Capital

At The Washington Center, you not only get a great work experience and a great learning experience, you also get a great life experience.

Washington, D.C. is a city with so much to offer—impressive architecture and monuments, incredible museums, world-class performances of theater, great nightlife, a rich international community and hundreds of restaurants offering cuisines from all over the world—and you’ll be able to experience it all from a true insider’s perspective.

Living in Washington, D.C. is like nothing else in the world. The city’s energy is remarkable, at both work and play. There’s so much to be accomplished and so much to see and do. It’s all at your doorstep as a Washington Center intern.
Things to do in D.C.

- World famous monuments
- The lighting of the national tree during the winter
- The Smithsonian museums, including the National Air and Space Museum, National Gallery of Art and American History Museum (all free!)
- The Newseum, Spy Museum, United States Holocaust Memorial and art galleries
- World class performances of theater, music and dance year-round at the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage and numerous other venues
- Cherry blossoms in the spring
- Concerts on the National Mall during the summer
Eligibility

To be eligible, students must:

• Be at least 18 years of age.
• Attend an accredited college or university with at least four semesters completed before participating.
• Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students with lower GPA may be considered.
• Have a TOEFL score of minimum 550 (80 on the internet-based test) or other official equivalent exams, waived in certain cases.
• Receive academic credit from their college or university for their participation in the internship program. Exceptions apply.
• Have the approval of their campus liaison or a faculty sponsor.

Additional requirements for the Postgraduate Professional Development Program (PPDP)

To be eligible, students must:

• Have received their undergraduate degree within 18 months of the start of the program or be currently enrolled in a graduate school.

Since your school may have additional requirements, we encourage you to contact your liaison before beginning the application process.

J-1 visa and Health Insurance

The Washington Center is a designated J-1 visa sponsor by the U.S. State Department. It is mandatory that you enter the United States with your J-1 visa. Once you’re accepted into The Washington Center’s program, you’ll be given all the details on how to secure your J-1 visa. Special provisions may be available for Canadian citizens.

You must also certify that you have a valid health insurance policy to comply with State Department regulations. You will need to bring proof of insurance with you when you come to the United States, and keep it with your passport to show immigration officials.

For more information on these requirements, please visit www.twc.edu/j-1-visa

Dates and Deadlines

The Washington Center offers programs during the spring, summer and fall. We encourage you to apply early, as some internship sites have early internal deadlines and may require you to complete additional application materials. Consider applying before the competitive deadline to allow enough time for the internship placement and J-1 visa processes.

For more details on eligibility, please visit www.twc.edu/global-eligibility

For detailed information on our deadlines, please visit www.twc.edu/deadlines

Step-by-Step Admissions Guide

TWC staff are available to assist you at every stage of the admissions process. Many of the application components you submit will be referred to prospective internship sites after you are accepted.

Decision Making

Discuss credit and cost arrangements with your liaison.
Consider timing (fall, spring or summer).
Talk to your parents.
Contact info@twc.edu with any questions.

Preparation

Review the checklist of supporting documents for the application.
Identify letter of recommendation providers.
Request transcripts.
Confirm your liaison’s approval.
Meet with your career services office to review your résumé.
Identify your fields of interest for internship.
Program Costs and Scholarships

The Washington Center charges a program fee as well as a housing fee (see table at right). These costs vary based on the length of the program. Program and housing fees are listed separately, as students are not required to stay in The Washington Center’s housing. For some students the cost of participation is comparable to a semester at their university. For others, it may be higher. However, we believe that, in almost every case, the cost represents a sound investment for an academic and professional experience that will pay benefits for years to come.

The Washington Center raises scholarship money from a number of countries, private companies and foundations to help students afford the cost of the program. However, we currently offer very limited scholarships for international students. We encourage you to seek guidance from your university campus liaison or our staff before applying to make sure that the cost of the program is affordable to you.

Some scholarships are contingent on using TWC housing and on successful completion of our program (with a grade of C or better in each component). Please note that most of our scholarships are not available to participants in our Postgraduate Professional Development Program.

To see the most up-to-date information on financial aid and eligibility requirements, please visit www.twc.edu/global-aid

For any other general questions, please email us at internationalinfo@twc.edu

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2013 Washington Center Fees1,2

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1 Fees for 2014 will be published in September 2013.
2 Prices are in U.S. dollars.

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Online Application

Go to www.twc.edu.
Click on Apply Now.
Create an account.
Start and submit the online application by following the instructions.*

*Throughout the process, you can save your application and return to it at a later time.

Acceptance

TWC’s admissions committee will review your application and a decision on admission will be sent via email.**

**Your application will be reviewed within 2 weeks of completion.

Visit www.twc.edu/app-docs for a complete list and description of these documents.
As you explore off-campus experiences to complement your education, you might want to consider one of the following options:

**Academic Seminars**

Does the idea of building a professional network and interacting with nationally recognized figures like politicians, party activists, journalists, policy experts and campaign professionals appeal to you? Do you want to delve deep into the top issues of our time under the guidance of our supportive faculty mentors? If so, you should consider our upcoming one or two-week academic seminars. These fast-paced programs give you the opportunity to explore career paths and hear from national and international leaders.

If you choose to attend our **Inside Washington 2013: Presidential Inauguration Seminar**, you’ll either hear how President Obama’s second term might differ from the first, or you’ll be in D.C. as our government undergoes a peaceful transition of power. Either way, through site visits, panel discussions and special events you’ll learn about the incoming administration’s priorities, the confirmation of new cabinet members and the media’s portrayal of the presidential campaign, for example. This seminar is ideal for social science and communications majors.

Through our national security seminar, **Top Secret: Challenges to National Security in a Global Society**, you’ll explore the issues of U.S. national security in the context of the complex yet critical developments in the Middle East and other world hot spots. Perfect for international affairs and criminal justice majors, this seminar offers a behind-the-scenes perspective on how agencies such as the FBI and State Department work to protect U.S. interests at home and abroad. You’ll engage with experienced professionals and conduct site visits to a variety of think tanks and government agencies.

Although you do not need to earn credit to participate, most institutions award two to four credits for completion of the academic components of these seminars.

For more information on these and any other upcoming seminars, please visit: www.twc.edu/seminars

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**Washington, D.C.-London Internship Program**

Want to go abroad? Learn about and experience the excitement of another country? Get the kind of international work experience that’s increasingly prized in today’s global economy? The Washington Center offers spring, summer and fall programs in London: Europe’s largest city, a business, financial and cultural center; and a major global crossroads.

**Sample Internship Sites**

- British Museum
- British Water
- Forward UK
- Labour Party
- Liberal Democratic Party
- London Middle East Institute

**Included in Each Program**

- 10-day pre-departure seminar in Washington, D.C.
- 2½-day-a-week tailored internship
- Academic courses
- Programming that encompasses site visits, guest speakers, events, group travel and more

For more information on the Washington D.C.-London Internship program, please visit: www.twc.edu/intern-abroad

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**Upcoming seminars:**

**Inside Washington 2013: The Presidential Inauguration**

January 12–22, 2013

**Top Secret National Security Seminar**

May 12–18, 2013
Interested in applying?

Check out different ways that you can interact with The Washington Center and learn more about our programs.

**TWCNOW**
Read stories about the experiences of TWC interns. TWCNOW is updated weekly so you can stay current on events, programming and press releases. You can also read personal experiences of TWC's student bloggers in Washington, D.C. and London.

**Facebook**
Engage with us on our Facebook page. Check out photos of events and programming for students currently attending our program.

**Twitter**
Follow us on Twitter and receive updates on upcoming application deadlines or tweet questions you may have.

**Live Chat**
Connect with a TWC representative on Live Chat. They are available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. Extended hours are available as application deadlines approach.

**LinkedIn**
Follow The Washington Center LinkedIn page and get updates on what current TWC students and alumni are doing.

**Online Info Sessions**
If you didn't get a chance to meet with a TWC representative on your campus, you can take advantage of our online information sessions. Check out the schedule for upcoming opportunities to hear about TWC programs online.

**Connect with TWC**

- [www.rwc.edu/twcnow](http://www.rwc.edu/twcnow)
- [www.facebook.com/TWCInternships](http://www.facebook.com/TWCInternships)
- [@TWCInternships](http://@TWCInternships)
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- [www.rwc.edu/info-sessions](http://www.rwc.edu/info-sessions)

**Contact TWC**

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- 1-800-486-8921 (toll-free)
- info@rwc.edu
The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is a leading nonprofit educational institution headquartered in Washington, D.C. It provides undergraduates, graduate students and professionals from the United States and abroad with academic seminars on special topics and internship-centered academic terms. Offered primarily in Washington, D.C. and London, England, the internship programs consist of a substantive work experience tailored to the student’s interests, academic coursework, and civic and leadership programming.

The Washington Center enables students to gain the experience needed for entry-level employment and to prepare for lives of achievement, engagement and leadership; universities to extend their reach programmatically and geographically; organizations to connect with a new generation of talent; and its many supporters and alumni to shape the next generation of leaders.