



For Internships and Academic Seminars

The Washington Center/Coca-Cola Foundation Africa Initiative

Call for Applications



The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) is pleased to announce a partnership with **The Coca-Cola Foundation**, to provide several students from Sub-Saharan Africa the opportunity to gain professional and leadership training in Washington, D.C. through a 15-week fellowship.

Background

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars - nonprofit and nonpartisan - is the preeminent provider of professional training in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, bringing highly qualified college, university, graduate, and professional school students and recent graduates from all over the U.S. and abroad for prestigious placements on Capitol Hill, at government agencies, and in the private and nonprofit sectors.

Students from Sub-Saharan Africa will participate in a 15-week fellowship program in Washington, D.C., receiving professional training and living with U.S. and international students in luxury apartments provided by The Washington Center. Students will then return to their home nations, where they will contribute to the wellbeing of their people and country.

Program Components

- Four and one half days per week professional training
- One 15-week academic semester in the fall of each year
- Academic course
- Portfolio
- Congressional Speaker Lecture Series
- Presidential Lecture Series
- Small group discussions
- Comprehensive academic evaluation
- Washington, D.C. orientation
- TWC trainees typically earn academic credit from their home institution

Sample Placements

U.S. Senate • U.S. House of Representatives • U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations • U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Africa • United Nations High Commission for Refugees • United Nations Environmental Program • United Nations World Food Program • American Farm Bureau Federation • International Monetary Fund • World Bank • Africa Solidarity Council, Inc. • Office of U.S. Representative Edward R. Royce (R-CA) • Office of U.S. Representative Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) • Office of U.S. Representative Frank R. Wolf (R-VA) • Office of U.S. Representative José E. Serrano (D-NY)

Eligible Students

- Must be at least a third year college student, a graduate or professional school student, or a recent graduate.
- Must demonstrate fluency in use of the English language, including reading, writing, and speaking.
- Fluency in use of the French language is desirable, but not mandatory, and will give students a competitive advantage for participating in certain training programs.
- Must have a 3.0 or higher academic grade point average on a 4.0 maximum scale (or equivalent).
- Must use The Washington Center housing.
- Participants will come to the U.S. under a J1 Trainee visa. Therefore, applicants must be in good standing with U.S. immigration and customs authorities.

Expenses Covered

• The Washington Center application fee:	\$ 125
• The Washington Center programming fee:	\$ 4,950
• The Washington Center housing fees:	\$ 3,995
• Round-trip transportation from major African international Airports to Washington, D.C.:	(up to) \$ 1,500
• Incidental expense stipend paid to the student:	\$ 2,100
• Health Insurance:	\$ 200
Total expenses covered by fellowship:	\$12,870

The fellowship will cover all expenses listed for the top four applicants. All other applicants, qualified for admission to The Washington Center but not selected for The Washington Center/Coca-Cola Foundation Africa Initiative, are welcome to join The Washington Center's programs by utilizing other funding sources.

Application Deadline

All **applications must be received**, along with all supporting documents, at The Washington Center's offices by **April 29, 2005**. Awardees will be announced **May 6, 2005**. Program starts late August and ends mid December (flexible schedule). Please download application at <http://www.twc.edu/africaapp.pdf>.

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