



Public Service Internship Program for College Students with Disabilities

\$8,500 Scholarship to Intern in D.C.

Spring Semester Deadline: November 15, 2006



The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is pleased to announce it will continue to help increase employment for students with disabilities through an academic internship program. Through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, The Washington Center is working to help students develop leadership skills and gain valuable work experience in public service. The Washington Center will complement students' professional experience with solid academic training for credit from highly qualified instructors. In addition, students will be exposed to community, national and international leaders through workshops, seminars, lectures, embassy visits and networking events held throughout the course of each semester. The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) will offer technical guidance and support to the program.

Scholarship Details

The Washington Center is able to provide a total of 50 scholarship awards in the amount of \$8,500 for each eligible undergraduate student with disabilities interested in working in the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of the government during fall 2006 and spring 2007. The scholarship goes toward covering TWC's total program and housing fees. This money can be combined with state scholarship awards available through The Washington Center. Awards range from \$1,800 to \$4,000 per student. Eligible students would be able to combine these awards and have a remaining amount to cover additional living expenses.

Who Should Apply?

Applicants Must:

- Be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate
- Have at least a 2.75 GPA
- Receive academic credit
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Self-identify as a person with a disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

To Apply:

- Provide a letter from your campus disability services office, a vocational rehabilitation office OR a physician treating you for your disability confirming the fact that you have a disability. (In addition to the general TWC application)

Applications are available at: http://www.twc.edu/students/how_to_apply.shtml. Please contact The Washington Center if you require the application in an alternate format. The application for the scholarship is the same as the general application.

Sample placements include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Office of Personal Management
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Education
- Small Business Administration
- Congressional Members Offices (House & Senate)

Program Components

- 4¹/₂ days per week full-time internship
- Participation in the Leadership Forum: Presidential Lecture Series, Congressional Breakfast Series, Embassy Visit Program, Small Group Activities
- Enrollment in an academic course provided by The Washington Center (there are over 40 courses to select from)
- Completion of a portfolio that documents student's internship experience and reactions to the Leadership Forum sessions

Accommodations

The Washington Center works with government agencies to ensure reasonable work site accommodations are provided for students. Students are assisted on a case-by-case basis to ensure housing and academic accommodation (physical and programmatic) needs are met. We also work with students to provide mobility training, an orientation to and information on how to utilize public transportation to arrive at their place of employment and all Washington Center functions in a timely matter.

Contact

For more information about the program and application process, please visit: http://www.twc.edu/disability_services.shtml or contact Ms. Roshni D. Lal at: roshniL@twc.edu or 1-800-486-8921.