The Washington Center’s Leadership Initiative for Students with Disabilities, supported by AT&T, The Coca-Cola Foundation, The HSC Foundation, The Kessler Foundation and Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, ensures that students are equipped with the tools needed for postgraduate success.

College students selected to participate earn academic credit while interning, studying and exploring the nation’s capital. TWC supports students so that they can complete classroom and workplace responsibilities and live comfortably in our housing facilities.

**The Three TWC Program Components**

**Internship**
TWC serves students in many majors and interest areas. Our substantive, exciting internships help students transition from the classroom to a professional setting. Students gain real world experience, develop professional skills, and form a clearer understanding of their career path.

Past students have interned at sites such as D.C. Office of Taxation and Revenue, Department of the Interior, Double R Productions, U.S. Small Business Administration, White House, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Congressional offices, and many more.

**Academic Course**
All students will attend an academic course one evening per week. TWC offers approximately 30 different courses in a wide variety of subjects.

**LEAD Colloquium**
Students will take part in small group discussion, hear from prominent speakers in the Alan K. Simpson – Norman Y. Mineta Leaders Series, learn about civic engagement and carry out direct service in the community. They will also attend programming with other Ford Scholars, including excursions and panel discussions that are focused on the MDGs.

**Accommodations**
Below are some of the requests we’ve been able to fulfill in the past:

**Classroom**
- Note-takers
- Sign-language interpreting
- Real-time Captioning (CART)
- Course-by-phone
- Readers
- Alternative format materials (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.)
- Extended time for assignments
Workplace

TWC actively works to educate students on how to advocate for themselves in the workplace in order to obtain accommodations. Past workplace accommodations have included:

- Assistive technologies—both software and hardware (JAWS, TextHelp)
- Sign Language Interpreting
- Note-takers
- Readers
- Alternative format materials (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.)

Residence

- Roll-in showers
- Hand-held shower heads
- Flashing smoke detectors
- Lowered appliances
- Electronic door openers

Scholarships

Qualifying students will earn scholarships that help to offset the cost of participation. Although amounts vary, most scholarships are between $500 and $4,000. To be considered, students should:

- Indicate interest on the scholarships section of the application.
- Provide TWC with documentation from a physician or campus disability services office.
- Upon acceptance, return to the student portal to complete the disability services application if accommodations are required.

To learn more about our scholarship offerings contact us at financialaid@twc.edu.

How to Apply

To apply for The Washington Center, visit our website at www.twc.edu to complete an online application. For help identifying your campus liaison or to learn more about fees and credit arrangements at your institution contact info@twc.edu.

Testimonials

William Uditsky ’13, Disability Scholarship Recipient

“TWC gave me the knowledge and resources to start my career in the public sector. The program engaged me with like-minded leaders who shared a common interest in combatting contemporary social justice issues.”

Andrew Rojek Summer ’14, Mitsubishi Electric Scholar / Coca-Cola Company Scholar

“The Washington Center has challenged me to not limit myself in what I study. After learning all that it has to offer, I need to expand my skill set and gather more experience in order to make it in this field...This realization has taught me to pursue more than what’s in the classroom.”

Important Deadlines and Dates

Summer 2015 Regular Deadline: March 18, 2015
Fall 2015 Priority Deadline: May 6, 2015
Fall 2015 Regular Deadline: June 10, 2015