



ABOUT

The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) hosts Washington, D.C. – based and virtual Academic Internship Programs for undergraduate students each summer, fall and spring.

TFAS programs include academic credit from George Mason University, an internship placement and furnished housing in the heart of Washington, D.C. Students participate in a variety of exclusive guest lectures, site briefings as well as professional development and networking events.

2022 SUMMER PROGRAM

June 4 - July 29

APPLICATION DEADLINES

December 7: Early Deadline

February 10: Priority Deadline

March 15: Final Deadline

Learn more and apply online:

DCinternships.org



ACADEMICS

Students take 3-6 credits from George Mason University. The courses are designed to complement your D.C. internship experience by offering a thorough examination of our free enterprise system and the economic way of thinking. Elective classes cover engaging topics such as American political thought or U.S. foreign policy, as well as an internship seminar.

INTERNSHIPS

The program guarantees an internship placement. Dedicated staff works to match students with an internship that fits their interests, skills and career goals. Placements areas are specific to program track.

Public Policy + Economics: Federal agencies, think tanks, policy groups, law firms, Congressional offices and non-governmental organizations.

International Affairs: Congressional offices, embassies, think tanks and international non-governmental organizations.

Business + Government Relations: Government affairs offices of large corporations, industry trade associations, and lobbying firms.



Journalism + Communications: Newspapers, magazines, news services, radio and TV stations, public relations firms, Capitol Hill press offices, internet publications and advocacy organizations.

Leadership + the American Presidency: NGOs, policy groups, think tanks, communication firms, Congressional offices.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participation in our program will give you numerous opportunities to build your professional network and gain insider job-seeking tips.

Mentor Program

Be matched with a D.C. professional working in your career field. Your mentor will be another contact on the ground before you arrive in D.C. and during your internship. You will receive tips for living in Washington as well as career advice and networking contacts.

Alumni Roundtable + Networking Reception

Meet with program alumni and industry leaders to learn how to leverage your D.C. experience into a future internship or full-time job after graduation. Participants include top lobbyists, nonprofit executives, journalists, Capitol Hill staffers, Foreign Service officers and policy makers.



Professional Development Seminars

Attend weekly seminars covering essential job searching topics such as resume, cover letter and interviewing preparation, as well as skill-building in areas that will help set you apart in today's competitive job market including public speaking, networking, personal finances, graduate school admissions, and fellowships.



BRIEFINGS

Attend once in a lifetime tours and hear from leaders within such powerful institutions as:

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Congress
- Federal Reserve
- World Bank + International Monetary Fund
- Central Intelligence Agency
- National Press Club
- U.S. Securities + Exchange Commission
- Embassies

STUDENT LIFE

We also organize many exciting cultural and social events designed to show you the city while building lasting friendships:

- Washington National's Baseball game
- Canoeing on the Potomac River
- National Zoo outing
- Guided Tour of the National Monuments
- Day trip to Mount Vernon
- On-campus pizza parties, ice cream socials and study breaks

