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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in TFAS Academic Internship Programs in Washington, D.C. I hope that you are ready for a monumental summer in the Nation's Capital. During your time in our program, you will learn skills that you will use throughout your career and make valuable connections as you grow your professional network. In just eight short weeks, you will be exposed to new ideas and add 250+ hours of real-world work experience to your resume.

For nearly 60 years, TFAS alumni have gone on to become key figures in business, government relations, public policy and media. Upon completion of our program, you'll join the TFAS Alumni Network which boasts more than 49,000 members from all over the country and around the world.

I hope you will consider enrolling in our program this summer!

Best regards,

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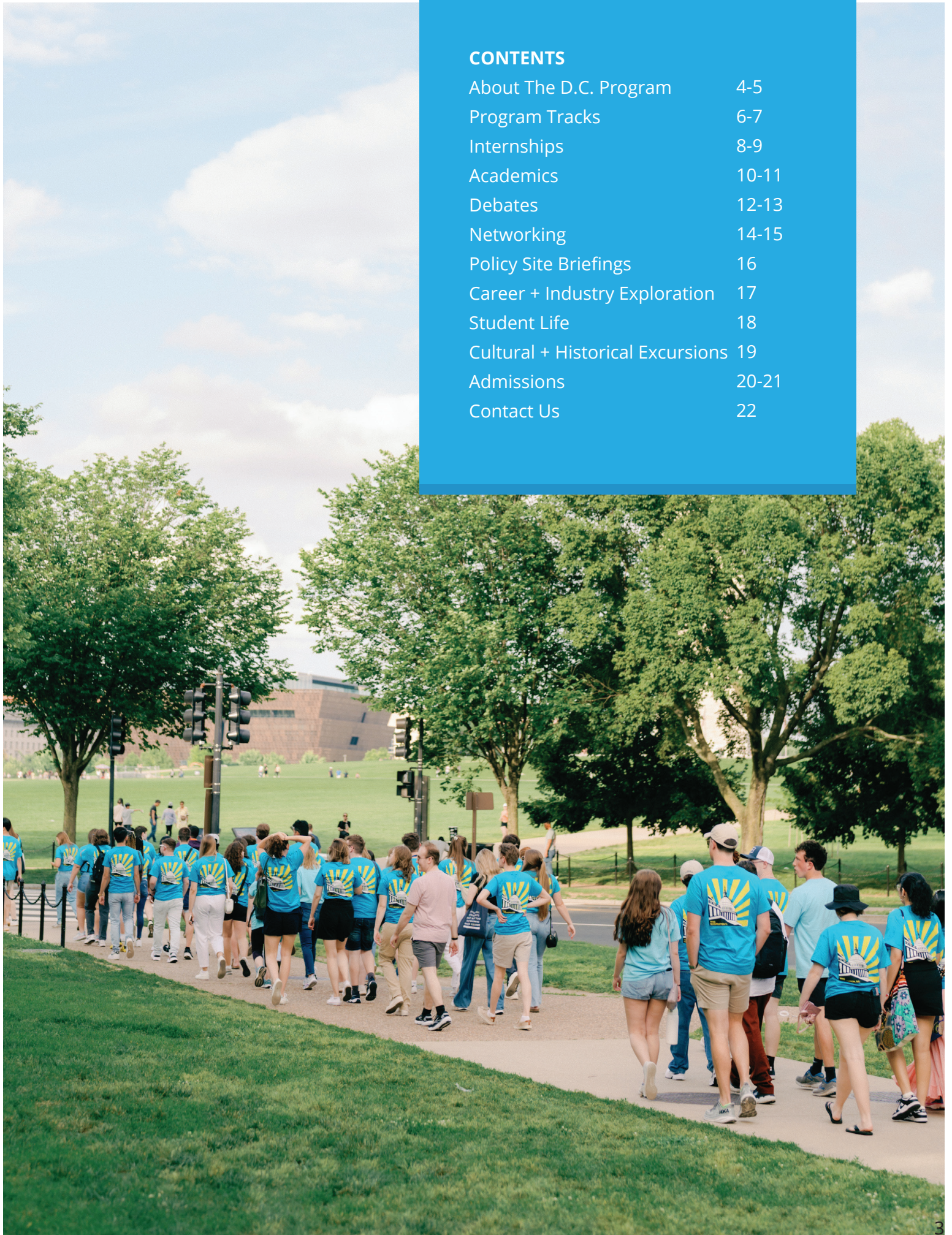
Joseph Starrs

Senior Director

TFAS Academic Internship Programs

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LIVE. LEARN. INTERN. CONNECT.

Spend next summer gaining real-world experience and earning college credit in the nation's capital.

THE FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDIES

(TFAS) hosts Academic Internship Programs for undergraduate students in Washington, D.C. TFAS programs include academic credit from George Mason University (GMU), an internship and furnished housing in the heart of the city. Students participate in a variety of exclusive guest lectures and site briefings, as well as professional and

leadership development seminars. TFAS students leave Washington with 250+ hours of professional experience, an expanded network of contacts and a greater understanding of the variety of career opportunities available after graduation.

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The summer with TFAS has been an incredible experience because it has showcased what it means to live and work within the nation's capital. I also loved the ability to connect and network with a variety of individuals to find out what my future may hold.”

Callia Barwick, Ohio Wesleyan University
Alexander Graham Bell Association Intern

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WHICH PROGRAM RIGHT FOR



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

For students passionate about global issues and looking to gain experience in the fields of foreign policy, intelligence, international development, diplomacy or national security. Internships are with embassies, international NGOs, policy groups and federal agencies.



JOURNALISM + COMMUNICATIONS

Cover breaking news from Congress to the courts while interning for multimedia news outlets. PR interns sharpen strategic communication skills and make an impact on pressing policy issues.

RAM TRACK IS FOR YOU?



 **PUBLIC POLICY + ECONOMICS**
For students who are interested in politics and aspire to work in government, law, economics, public policy or the nonprofit sector. Internships are with federal agencies, policy groups, think tanks, Congressional offices and NGOs.



 **BUSINESS + GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**
Students learn about the legislative process and how it affects industries around the country and world. Ideal for students interested in careers in business, law, government or public policy. Internships are with the government relations offices of major corporations, trade associations and private firms.

Internships



GUARANTEED INTERNSHIP



An **internship** is one of the most important investments you can make in your future. It can lead to a full-time job, glowing letters of recommendation and important professional contacts in your field. As part of our program, **you are guaranteed an internship** in the D.C. area.

TFAS has been creating academic internship experiences for nearly 60 years and works with hundreds of top organizations in D.C.

INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE:

- Federal agencies
- Congressional offices
- Policy groups and think tanks
- International affairs organizations
- Embassies
- Media outlets and public relations firms
- Government relations offices
- Community-based nonprofit groups

BENEFITS OF OUR INTERNSHIPS

- Approximately 30 hours of work experience per week
- Staff dedicated to guiding you through the internship hiring process
- Firsthand exposure to the D.C. professional scene
- Work sites easily accessible by public transportation

View past internship sites, sample projects and more at Dcinternships.org/internships

INTERNSHIP HIRING PROCESS

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Once you enroll in our program, you'll complete the Internship Questionnaire. This is the first step in getting to know you, it outlines your skills and experience, the issue areas of interest to you and your preferred organization types.



DEVELOP A GAME PLAN

Next we meet virtually to get a clearer understanding of what you are hoping to gain from internship experience. During the call we will discuss specific internship sites, their needs and outline a strategy for securing options for you.

TAILORED INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Our team will review your resume and provide personalized feedback to ensure you are a competitive candidate in the Washington market. Additionally, we will make sure you are ready to ace the interview. We will provide you with practice questions, interview tips and resources on researching organizations.

“ My role as a government affairs intern at the National Automatic Merchandising Association allowed me to contribute meaningful work to the trade association and to experience the intersection between government and business. Between researching regulations, attending briefings, providing reports on discussions and working with the team to support advocacy initiatives, I have gained professional experience working in Washington D.C.”

**Kaylee Jacobson, Truman State University
National Automatic Merchandising Association Intern**

COURSES FOR CREDIT

Earn course credit while you intern! You will earn between 3-6 credits from George Mason University (GMU) during the summer. The academic goal of the program is to help you explore the free enterprise system and the principles upon which the United States was founded. Our unique curriculum is designed to complement your D.C. experience with upper-level government and economics courses that fit a wide range of interest areas.



TOP RATED FACULTY

Classes are taught by full-time and adjunct professors at George Mason University and other top D.C. schools, including Georgetown University, George Washington University and American University.



View class descriptions, sample syllabi and professor biographies at DCinternships.org/academics



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS

In addition to the academic courses, each program track features a weekly guest lecture that will give you a chance to learn from, question and exchange business cards with well-connected leading Washington professionals. As part of our comprehensive program, these interactive events enhance your academic and professional experience.

PAST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



JOSÉ PIÑERA

Former Chilean Minister of Labor + Social Security



JASON RILEY

Columnist,
The Wall Street Journal



AMITY SHLAES

Chair of the Board,
Calvin Coolidge Foundation



ALEX JAFFE '09

Reporter,
Associated Press



KARITH FOSTER

Comedian + Author



AMBASSADOR KRISTJAN PRIKK

Estonian Ambassador to the U.S.



DOUG BANDOW

Senior Fellow,
The Cato Institute



BRIAN DONOHUE

Director of Government Relations,
American Cancer Society

“

This program is extremely interesting and I had some of the best political and economic debates I've ever had in this program.”

Joshua Replogle, University of St. Andrews
Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training Intern





DEBATES

Hone your critical, analytical and reasoning skills by engaging in student-led debates on current issues like objectivity in journalism, federal minimum wage, border security or universal healthcare. The parliamentary format of the debates allows everyone to have a voice and promotes learning in a civil environment.



MAKE MORE CONNECTIONS

Who you know does matter – especially when it comes to your future job search. Our comprehensive programs are designed so you can make valuable professional connections and practice your networking skills in a real-world setting.

TFAS programs offer a number of networking opportunities to enhance your internship experience and maximize your time in D.C.



PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS prepare you to stand out in today's competitive job market. Topics include resume, cover letter and interviewing preparation, as well as skill building in public speaking, networking and graduate school admissions.

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At the end of the day, the TFAS program will provide you with the tools to succeed anywhere.”

**John David Guerrero, Southwestern University
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors Intern**



MENTOR PROGRAM

We match you with a D.C. professional working in your field. Your mentor will provide tips for living in Washington, career advice and networking contacts.

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My mentor is a senior officer for the European Investment Fund and a TFAS alumnus. He has greatly changed the way I approach networking, LinkedIn, career interests and interviews. He has dedicated a significant portion of his time to helping me grow.”

**Coby Kranz, University of Maryland - College Park
American Tower Corporation Intern**



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Network with program alumni and policy experts who will help you learn how to leverage your D.C. experience into a future internship or full-time job after graduation.

TFAS ALUMNI NETWORK

We have more than 49,000 alumni around the world forging careers in politics, government, public policy, business, philanthropy and media. These leaders are a sampling of the TFAS alumni making an impact in their communities and career field.

Visit DCinternships.org/alumni to learn more.



SITE BRIEFINGS

Get behind-the-scenes exposure to some of the most influential institutions and organizations in Washington. Only a structured internship program like ours can open this many doors.

- Congressional Budget Office
- U.S. Capitol - Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. Department of State
- Embassies
- Federal Trade Commission
- National Press Club
- Organization of American States
- U.S. Institute of Peace
- World Bank and International Monetary Fund



Learn more about networking at DCinternships.org/networking-briefings



FIND YOUR PASSION

Designed to help you explore a variety of career paths and to further build your network, TFAS plans a series of career-focused panels and small group discussions led by professionals working in a range of fields and industries. Learn about important topics affecting job seekers in your field such as daily responsibilities, pressing policy issues and job seeking resources.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in sessions associated with their program track. Past small-group discussions and career panels have featured:

- Amazon Government Affairs
- Caterpillar, Inc. Government Affairs
- CIA and FBI: Intelligence Careers
- Covington & Burling Law Careers
- C-SPAN
- Defense Consulting Careers
- Deloitte
- Federal Aviation Administration
- National Geographic
- National Public Radio
- NBC News
- POLITICO
- Stateside Government Affairs
- Time Magazine
- Uber Government Affairs Careers
- United Nations
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Careers
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Institute of Peace
- U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- The World Wildlife Fund

“

I met incredible people and gained incredible experience throughout the summer. I know my connections will last long after the program and I am even more excited at the prospect of living and working in Washington, D.C.”

Jakob Lucas, Denison University
U.S. House of Representatives Committee Intern



DISCOVER YOUR NEW HOME FOR THE SUMMER

By participating in a TFAS program, you will have a built-in social network from the beginning. Student leaders come from all over the country and world to experience all that the Nation's Capital has to offer. TFAS plans activities and events throughout the summer to help you get to know your program peers. Activities may include:

- Nationals baseball game
- Excursions to the Smithsonian museums, zoo and botanic garden
- Guided Tours of the National Mall, Georgetown and Capitol Hill
- Kayaking on the Potomac River
- Day trips to Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery and Monticello
- Service projects impacting the D.C. community
- BBQ with TFAS alumni

HOUSING

You will live just blocks from the National Mall, State Department and White House on the campus of George Washington University. Fully furnished housing and roommate matching is provided as part of our comprehensive package.

- Steps away from Metro stations and bus stops
- Roommate matching with other program participants
- 24/7 campus security and resident advisors on site
- Access to campus gym and fitness center
- Wi-Fi and cable
- Fully equipped kitchen
- On-campus meal plan available

Learn more about living in Washington, D.C. at DCinternships.org/student-life

SEE ALL THE SIGHTS

You'll also have plenty of time to explore all of the social, cultural and historical aspects of this vibrant capital city on your own. By the end of the summer, you will really feel like a D.C. insider.



Arlington National Cemetery



Smithsonian American Art Museum



Nationals Game



Old Town Alexandria History Tour



Kayaking on the Potomac River



George Washington's Mount Vernon

Admissions

HOW TO APPLY

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis with preference given to early applicants. Visit DInternships.org for additional details on the admissions process. Application requirements include:

- Online application
- Resume
- Official transcript
- Short writing sample
- \$40 non-refundable application fee

2025 SUMMER PROGRAM May 31 - July 26	
Early Deadline	December 5, 2024
Priority Deadline	February 5, 2025
Final Deadline	March 5, 2025

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be 18 years old, have graduated high school and have completed at least one semester of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university before applying to attend one of the programs.

PROGRAM COST

Credits	Tuition + Housing
3-Credits	\$8,725
6-Credits	\$9,925

AFFORDING THE PROGRAM

Our programs strive to be accessible and affordable to the best and brightest students, regardless of their financial situation. Scholarship awards are granted at the time of acceptance, giving students the best picture of whether the program is financially right for them.

- Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit
- Existing financial aid packages may be transferred to finance participation
- More than 85% of students receive scholarship assistance
- Full scholarships available

2024 SUMMER PROGRAM



STUDENTS FROM
21 COUNTRIES
40 STATES

AVERAGE GPA

3.67



275

STUDENTS
ENROLLED

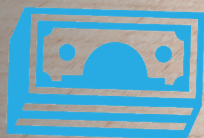


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UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED

\$1 MILLION

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



1,149

CREDITS EARNED



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