

D.C. Academic Internship Program

Full scholarship for a student from Latvia to study + intern in Washington, D.C.

2025 SUMMER PROGRAM

May 31 - July 25

Application Deadline

November 1

Learn more and apply online:

DCinternships.org

Fill out the scholarship tab of the online application to be considered for the full scholarship.

Questions?

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FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR A LATVIAN STUDENT



GEORGE VIKSNINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR A LATVIAN COLLEGE STUDENT

The Fund for American Studies will award a full scholarship to a Latvian citizen to attend our academic internship program in Washington, D.C this summer. This scholarship fund is named in honor of former TFAS Professor George Viksnins.

The scholarship covers tuition, housing, health insurance, and the costs associated with applying for a visa. Scholarship awardees are responsible for funding their travel to the U.S. and living expenses while in the U.S.



LIVE

Reside in furnished apartments in downtown D.C. with a built-in social network.



LEARN

Earn credit from a top research university. Attend site briefings and guest lectures.



INTERN

Gain real-world experience through a guaranteed internship placement in D.C.



CONNECT

Grow your network and gain insider job-seeking tips from professionals.

GUARANTEED INTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

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.

Public Policy + Economics

Federal agencies, think tanks, policy groups, law firms, Congressional offices and non-governmental organizations.

Journalism + Communications

Newspapers, magazines, news services, radio, public relations firms and Capitol Hill press offices.



"I have had the busiest and best summer I could wish for. I have grown professionally and on personal level. This experience will definitely help me during my next chapters in life – master studies and a career in diplomatic service of Latvia."

Annija Streile
University of Latvia



ACADEMICS

Classes

Students take 6 credits from George Mason University. The courses are designed to complement your D.C. internship experience by offering a thorough examination of the 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.

Guest Lectures

Learn, question and exchange business cards with some of the city's best public policy, international affairs and economics experts, as well as journalists, public relations and communications professionals in D.C.

NETWORKING + BRIEFINGS

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.

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.

Site Briefings

Attend exclusive tours and hear from leaders within powerful institutions such as:

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

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.

Career + Industry Exploration

Designed to help you explore a variety of career paths and to further build your network, attend career-focused panels and small group discussions led by professionals working in a range of fields and industries.

STUDENT LIFE

Housing

Enjoy an engaging community of peers in furnished housing in D.C.'s Foggy Bottom neighborhood. Amenities include high speed internet, laundry on site, in-suite bathrooms and private kitchens. Metro access, grocery stores and restaurants all within walking distance.

Excursions + Social Events

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

- Guided Tours of the National Mall, Georgetown and Capitol Hill
- Washington Nationals Baseball game
- Outings to the Smithsonian museums, zoo and botanic garden
- Kayaking on the Potomac River
- Day trips to Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery and Monticello
- On-campus dinners, socials and study breaks