DIGITAL VIEWBOOK FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

SUMMER 2022
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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 more than 50 years, TFAS alumni have gone on to become key figures in business, government, government relations, public policy and media. Upon completion of our program, you’ll join the TFAS Alumni Network which boasts more than 42,000 members from all over the country and around the world.

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

Best regards,

Joseph Starrs
Senior Director
TFAS Academic Internship Programs
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 hosts Washington, D.C.–based 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 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.

“TFAS was truly one of the most life-changing experiences. Throughout the summer I was exposed to new ways of thinking, professional opportunities, and friendships. I learned to be more confident in articulating my beliefs and got the opportunity to meet with a range of influential people. TFAS helped me find a direction for my future career and transformed me into a better leader, student, and professional.”

Kenlee Foskey ’21, Mercer University Intern, National Association of Police Organizations
PUBLIC POLICY + ECONOMICS
For students who are passionate about 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 with the government relations offices of major corporations, trade associations and private firms.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Brings together 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
Aspiring journalists and communications professionals cover issues of national and international importance while interning with newspapers, magazines, radio, news services, corporate or nonprofit communications offices and PR firms.

LEADERSHIP + THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY
Brings together 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.

WHICH PROGRAM TRACK IS RIGHT FOR YOU?
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 placement in the D.C. area.

TFAS has been creating academic internship experiences for more than 50 years and works with over 300 top organizations in D.C.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS 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

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

BENEFITS OF OUR INTERNSHIPS
• Approximately 30 hours of work experience per week
• Staff dedicated to finding you the ideal placement for your interests and skills
• Firsthand exposure to the D.C. professional scene
• Work sites easily accessible by public transportation

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.

Next we chat with you over the phone to get a clearer understanding of what you are looking to gain out of your internship experience. During the call we will discuss specific sites and outline a strategy for securing the best options for you.

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 the Washington D.C. area.”

Kaylee Jacobson ’21, Truman State University Intern, National Automatic Merchandising Association
INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

COURSES FOR CREDIT
Earn course credit while you intern! You will earn between 3-6 credits from George Mason University during the summer. The program’s academic goal 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.

EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS
In addition to the academic courses, each program 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.

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 and American University.

SAMPLE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- JOSÉ PIÑERA
  Former Chilean Minister of Labor + Social Security

- AMITY SHLAES
  Chair of the Board, Calvin Coolidge Foundation

- KARITH FOSTER
  Comedian + Author

- DOUG BANDOW
  Fellow, The Cato Institute

- AMBASSADOR KRISTJAN PRIKK
  Estonian Ambassador to the U.S.

- JASON RILEY
  Columnist, The Wall Street Journal

- ALEX JAFFE ’09
  Reporter, Associated Press

- BRIAN DONOHUE
  Director of Government Relations, American Cancer Society
“This summer has become a pivotal point in my life. Creating lifelong connections through my mentor, listening to briefings from the U.S. Dept of State, and leading a debate - these moments will be fundamental for my future.”

Jessica Beccaccio ’21, Jacksonville University
Intern, United States Senate

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.

MENTOR PROGRAM
We match you with a D.C. professional working in your field. Your mentor will provide tips for living in Washington, as well as 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 ’21, University of Maryland - College Park
Intern, American Tower Corporation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 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.

“An entire year of professional development in only 8 weeks, that’s what I call efficiency!”

Nicholas Van Vliet ’21, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Intern, Praescient Analytics

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 18,000 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
Experience behind-the-scenes exposure to some of the most influential institutions and organizations in Washington. Only a structured internship program such as ours can open this many doors.

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Capitol - Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Federal Trade Commission
- Embassies
- Federal Reserve
- World Bank and International Monetary Fund
- National Press Club
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- The Pentagon

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. You’ll learn about important topics affecting job seekers in your field such as daily responsibilities, pressing policy issues and job seeking resources.

- Amazon Government Affairs
- Caterpillar, Inc. Government Affairs
- CIA: Intelligence Careers
- Clark Hill, PLC: Law Careers
- C-SPAN
- Defense Consulting Careers
- Economic Innovation Group: Public Policy Careers
- Ford Motor Company
- Humanitarian Aid + Relief Careers
- National Geographic
- National Public Radio
- NBC News
- POLITICO
- Public Diplomacy Careers
- Office of U.S. Congressman Mark Takano (D): Legislative Careers
- Stateside Associates: State-based Government Affairs
- Uber Government Affairs Careers
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Careers
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

- NBC News
- POLITICO
- Public Diplomacy Careers
- Office of U.S. Congressman Mark Takano (D): Legislative Careers
- Stateside Associates: State-based Government Affairs
- Uber Government Affairs Careers
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Careers
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

“TFAS has allowed me to live my best life. It has opened my eyes to new ideas and changed my perspective on my career goals. I now have the connections and confidence to pursue a career in the D.C. newsroom that I could not have gotten without TFAS.”

Claire Alfree ’21, Juanita College Intern, Hearst Television

Visit DCInternships.org/networking-briefings to learn more about networking.
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:

- Guided tour of the monuments
- Scavenger hunt
- Nationals baseball game
- Trip to Mount Vernon, the home of President George Washington
- Service projects impacting the D.C. community
- BBQ with TFAS alumni
- Paddle boating in the Potomac River

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.

HOUSING

You will live just blocks from the national monuments, 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 Metrorail and bus stops
- Roommate matching with other program participants
- 24/7 campus security and resident advisors on site
- Wifi and cable
- Fully equipped kitchen

Visit DCinternships.org/student-life to learn more about living in Washington, D.C.
HOW TO APPLY
Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis with preference given to early applicants. Visit DCinternships.org for additional details on the admissions process. Application requirements include:
• Online application
• Resume
• Official transcript
• Short writing sample
• $25 application fee

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 summer or semester programs.

COSTS

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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
• More than 85% of students receive scholarship assistance
• Existing financial aid packages may be transferred to finance participation
• Full scholarships available

UPCOMING DEADLINES

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2021 SUMMER PROGRAM

STUDENTS FROM 14 COUNTRIES 42 STATES

AVERAGE GPA 3.65

288 STUDENTS ENROLLED

130+ UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED

$1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

60% FEMALES

40% MALES