
D.C. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The **Political Science D.C. Intern Fellowship** program offers you the opportunity to LIVE, LEARN, and INTERN in Washington D.C.

Gain real-world experience through policy and legislative internships in our nation's capital. Enhance your understanding of policy, diplomacy, legislation, government, and politics. Meet and network with policy and legislation professionals. Develop valuable professional skills that will help launch your career after graduation.

Students selected for the program will enroll and participate in the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program and fulfill the course requirements. Students will spend the summer semester interning in their area of political science study or career focus. Students must accept and confirm in writing an in-person internship in Washington, D.C. by March 15, 2024.

The **Political Science D.C. Intern Fellowship** will provide students with a stipend for living expenses and housing through the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program for the duration of their summer internship and career readiness training with alumni mentoring before and during their internships. The program will culminate with a creative "capstone" project developed by the student that includes the knowledge and skills gained during their internship.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- stipend for living expenses
- housing in D.C. for a summer internship through the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program
- career readiness training
- alumni mentorship
- professional networking opportunities
- capstone project that could be included on resume or in professional portfolio

ELIGIBILITY

- undergraduate student majoring in political science (any concentration) in the Department of Political Science
- sophomore, junior, or senior with a graduation date of December 2024 or later

IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications due October 23, 2023
- Interviews begin October 27, 2023
- Students will be notified by November 9, 2023
- Students must accept and confirm in writing an in-person internship in Washington, D.C. by March 15, 2024

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following:

- completed application: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_db4esVGWqzUvfme
- resume with current GPA
- cover letter describing background, interest in the fellowship, and what you would like to achieve with the program
- copy of university transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation from current or previous instructors to be sent to Andrea Langrish, alangris@purdue.edu

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement in cooperation with the Department of Political Science will provide resources, career training, and mentoring to students as they pursue and secure internship opportunities. Students will enroll in and successfully complete the requirements of the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program (tuition and course fees apply.)

Students will work with a political science faculty member to design a creative internship capstone project to be completed by December 2024.

Example capstone projects include:

- Informational presentation on career readiness (i.e, how to get an internship in D.C., policy research on Capitol Hill, writing for thinktanks etc.) – can be in written, video or podcast format
- Research project on a political science topic or theory as it applied to the internship
- Reflection of the internship experience, the skills acquired, challenges, personal growth, professional development, lessons learned, etc. – can be in written, video or podcast format
- Internship report highlighting specific tasks, projects, duties and responsibilities, achievements, etc...