
D.C. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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. Network with and make meaningful connections with professionals across a range of fields. Develop valuable professional skills that will help launch your career after graduation.

Students will work with a faculty mentor from the Department of Political Science during Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters. The D.C. Fellowship will culminate with a capstone project developed by the student that includes the knowledge and skills gained during their internship.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- \$5000 stipend for living expenses
- Faculty mentorship
- Capstone project that could be included on resume or in professional portfolio
- Participate in the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program
 - Career readiness training
 - Alumni mentorship
 - Professional networking opportunities
 - Housing included

ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time undergraduate student majoring in political science (any concentration) in the Department of Political Science and in good standing with Purdue University
- Sophomore, junior, or senior with a graduation date of December 2025 or later

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 7: Applications due
- May 7, 2026: Students must accept and confirm in writing an in-person internship in Washington, D.C.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following:

- completed application: bit.ly/POL_DCFellowship
- 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 by the recommender to Andrea Langrish, alangris@purdue.edu

PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Department of Political Science will select the DC Fellowship award recipients
- Students will work with a political science faculty member to design a creative internship capstone project to be completed by December 2026.
- The capstone may be used to fulfill Political Science Capstone requirement (*contact Melissa Will for more information*)
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 or existing faculty guided research
 - 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...
- 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 must enroll in and successfully complete the requirements of the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program course
 - Students will be matched with an alumni mentor in their field of interest
 - Students are responsible for fees associated with course – scholarships available

AWARD INFORMATION

- Award funds will be placed directly into the award recipient's bursar account
- Award funds must be used for 2026 Summer Semester and can be used for:
 - Living or travel expenses related to D.C. internship
 - Course fees related to the Boilers Go to D.C. Summer Scholars Internship Program

QUESTIONS

Please send any questions to Andrea Langrish, Managing Director at langrish@purdue.edu.