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Paid Opportunities

Campaigning Opportunity!
Environment America is hiring students to work on our campaigns this fall out of our D.C. office. We're looking for folks that are hard-working, good communicators and committed to making positive change. This fall, our top campaign is protecting our national park system! Our national parks are where we go with family and friends to ride bikes, picnic, and just enjoy the outdoors. Unfortunately, certain members of Congress want to eliminate funding for our most successful parks and open space program. So Environment America is building support to oppose these cuts and protect our parks.

To win this campaign, we are hiring bright, talented students with strong communication skills to go into communities and build support for this issue. Over the course of the fall, you can expect to make $10-$15/hour and participate in various forms of activism. It's a great way to build your resume, like an internship, but you get paid! To apply, visit http://tinyurl.com/FallJobs or call us at: 202-546-3965 Learn more about our campaigns at http://www.EnvironmentAmerica.org

NEW POSTING!!
Catering by Restaurant Associates is currently seeking a large number of staff for an On Call Butler Position in the DC—Foggy Bottom area. We provide all training on-site with pay and pride ourselves on having a superb service and outstanding customer service. Currently, we provide service at venues such as J.F. Kennedy Center and Newseum for events like The African Summit, The US Open, and Kennedy Center Honors to name a few. We are convenient to campus grounds and eagerly looking for students who need to make a little extra money, perhaps to assist with loans or other expenses that come with being a college student.

We have been successfully hiring GW students for 15 years and we’d like to get more involved and actively pursuing this great on-call position. With an ever-growing venue list, we are interested in hiring additional on-call staff for **$17.00/hour IMMEDIATELY; PAID TRAINING!** We are hosting an **Open House on October 16, 2014 at one of our DC locations between the hours of 12-7pm.**

In order to gain admittance into the building we request that each student submit their resume to washstaff@cxra.com. All resumes will be reviewed and all further details (if any) will be delivered as necessary; no experience needed, and we provide a paid training experience. If you have any questions please feel free send an email to dhubbard@cxra.com for additional concerns.
NEW POSTING!!

Brown & Gould, LLP, a civil litigation boutique, is looking for a student or recent grad to work part/full time assisting around the office where needed. This is a paid internship, starting at $12.00/hr.

This is a great opportunity to gain exposure to the legal field and build your resume. Our practice areas include contract law, toxic torts, and personal injury. You will gain exposure to all three. Assigned tasks will be primarily administrative, but we are a small firm taking on a lot of exciting projects.

Ideal candidates are detail-oriented, interested in the legal field, possess an excellent work ethic, and will work well with our team. We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible. Please include your availability with your application.

Requirements:
Full-time student or recent grad
At least a Sophomore
3.0 GPA minimum

In order to apply, please send your cover letter, short writing sample, resume, and unofficial transcript to Siobhan at sditchfield@brownandgould.com by October 31, 2014. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so send them in ASAP.
Global Strategy Group - Communications Internship, Spring 2015

Named 2014 Public Affairs Agency of the Year (North America) by the Holmes Report, Global Strategy Group is a full-service communications, digital, and research firm with offices in New York, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, and Hartford, CT. Battle-tested in the trenches of corporate reputation management and political campaigns, we bring unrivaled commitment to every assignment.

Our culture of independence, integrity, and responsiveness established by our co-founders nearly two decades ago drives our team of nearly 100 smart, strategic, and creative professionals today. Our clients – which include Fortune 100 companies, national political leaders, associations, and nonprofits – rely on GSG for candid guidance and fast, effective execution. We provide a combination of critical thinking and on-the-ground results that many other firms talk about, but few deliver.

Global Strategy Group’s DC office is seeking interns for spring 2015. Interns will provide administrative support for account teams, research public policy issues, plan and execute events, and assist the competitive intelligence department as needed. Candidates must be able to juggle a range of tasks and work well under pressure.

Previous office environment experience and a major in communications, public relations, journalism or political science is preferred, but not required.

This is a paid internship and candidates must be able to work 20-30 hours per week starting in January. Start and end dates are negotiable. For more information, visit: http://globalstrategygroup.com/. If interested, contact Teresa at tseger@gwmail.gwu.edu.

Lobbying Opportunity!!
Marlowe & Company is a government affairs consulting firm that does fiscal consulting and policy lobbying for local government clients. Prior to the moratorium on congressional earmarks, we established a Federal Grants Service (FGS). Our FGS identifies and researches grant opportunities that meet the Federal Funding need of our clients. We then assist our clients evaluate the appropriateness of the grant opportunities we have identified. We are in search of a person to manage this department. This is a part-time job that involves direct contact with our clients and supervision of interns who search for the grant opportunities. The person we seek must be proficient in multi-tasking, working in groups, and writing. The position is available immediately. Compensation is based on experience and availability. Please send a cover letter, resume, 3 references, and a writing sample to Howard Marlowe, howard.marlowe@marloweo.com.
Oshkosh Corporation currently has two paid Government Operations internships open.

Oshkosh Corporation, a Fortune 350 Company with $7.7 billion in FY13 revenue, is a leading manufacturer and marketer of access equipment, specialty vehicles and truck bodies for the primary markets of defense, concrete placement, refuse hauling, access equipment and fire & emergency.

Founded in 1917, Oshkosh Corporation has manufacturing operations in eight U.S. states and in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, France and Romania and through investments in joint ventures in Mexico and Brazil. The company currently employs approximately 12,000 people worldwide.

The internship is located in Arlington, VA and students would work part time while attending school. If interested, send your resume to abaugnet@oshkoshcorp.com.
Events & Opportunities

Undergraduate Research Enhancement Funds
Columbian College undergraduates who incur direct expenses while conducting faculty-mentored research or completing a capstone project are eligible for reimbursement through this joint initiative of CCAS and the GW Office of Teaching and Learning. Examples of permissible expenses include travel, books, supplies, memberships, or equipment. Expenses should not be of the type that the faculty mentor would ordinarily cover. The funds must be expended before June 1, 2015. To apply for UREF support, a student must submit this application form to Brad Gilligan (bradly@gwu.edu) in Phillips 107 no later than October 17, 2014. Earlier applications will get earlier consideration for the limited funds available. A GPA of 3.0 or greater is required. In addition, the student applicant must arrange to have the faculty mentor write an e-mail message (to Brad) supporting the request.

NEW POSTING!!

The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC) is hoping to have our upcoming panel discussion (focused on the midterm elections) to be held on Thursday, November 6th, featured your calendar. The panel will discuss which issues brought voters to the polls, the importance of voter participation in the primary process, any surprises from election night, and the election’s impact on President Obama’s final two years in office. In the spirit of FMC’s mission the panels are bipartisan and focus on a current and interesting topic. With the midterm elections upon us we are very much looking forward a dynamic discussion.

When: Thursday, November 6, 2014; 7:00 p.m.
Where: National Archives Building, McGowan Theater, 7th Street & Constitution Ave.
Who: Panelists: Tom Davis (R-VA, 1995-2009); Barbara Kennelly (D-CT, 1981-1999); Martin Frost (D-TX, 1979-2005); Anne Marie Buerkel (R-NY, 2011-2013); Dennis Cardoza, (D-CA, 2003-2013)

Open to the public. (However, seats may be reserved at https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/usafmc/eventRegistration.jsp?event=18&)
Panelists will also engage the audience in this dialogue via Q&A. Please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Witiw atswitiw@usafmc.org or 202-507-4847 with any questions.
NEW POSTING!!

Students For Education Reform presents...

#EdWeek
October 6th-10th

Monday
Awareness Photo Campaign
Kogan Plaza – 3:00-5:00 PM

Tuesday
Coffee Break and Professor Appreciation
Gelman 219 – 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Wednesday
Los Graduados/The Graduates Movie Screening and Discussion
MSSC 209 -- 8:30-11:00 PM

Thursday
State of D.C. Education: Community Perspectives Panel
Rome 350 -- 7:00 PM

Friday
School Visit to DC Prep
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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follow us: twitter.com/SFERgw
NEW POSTING!!

Focus on Fall Abroad Community (FOFAC) is a program for students who study abroad during a fall semester on any of GW’s 370+ approved study abroad programs and return to campus the following spring semester. They benefit from privileged early registration for spring courses, some tuition awards, housing opportunities, and free cultural and community events in the spring semester.

The application for FOFAC 2015 opens on November 1, 2014. We are looking for opportunities to share information about FOFAC with undergraduate students who may be interested in studying abroad and who are looking for intercultural opportunities both on campus and throughout DC. Pay attention for upcoming info session dates!!
Booz Allen’s GWU Student Week October 20-24

College students are at a pivotal point as they decide what’s next for them—and their careers. At Booz Allen Hamilton, we’re expanding our relationships with Career Services professionals and committed to helping you learn more about consulting careers and why organizations like ours continue to grow in popularity as potential employers for students across disciplines.

We’re excited to invite you to participate in the firm’s George Washington University Student Week activities via our Booz Allen Hamilton Student Hub on LinkedIn.

Starting October 20th, Booz Allen GWU alumni will actively engage in discussions with students, and there will be opportunities for students to interact with consulting staff from across the firm during a live panel session.

At Booz Allen, we believe in vision and passion. Being part of something bigger than a company or job matters to our employees. Our professionals help some of the most widely recognized organizations in government and industry succeed, enhancing the security, economic well-being, health, and safety of people in our nation and around the world.

We encourage you to share this message with staff and students and look forward to their participation throughout the week of October 20.

If you have any further questions please contact Chris Carlson or Jessica Koers.

Webinars:

We’re also always evolving our interactive Webinars for students, who can visit our Events page to stay in the know and register for future events and Webinars to help them start their careers ahead of the curve.
NEW POSTING!!

Europe: Player or Loser?

Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering
President, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

After recent elections, European Union institutions are now newly staffed and ready to operate. However, their incoming leadership has been immediately presented with a host of challenges, both internal and external. While the conflict in Ukraine tests the EU’s relations with Russia, the question arises about whether or not Europe might be entering a new Cold War. Recent developments in the Middle East have become an ever-growing concern for European policymakers, especially as increasing numbers of European fighters with jihadist political agendas have joined ranks of armed factions in Syria and in Iraq. Closer to home, the EU is confronted with the instability of its internal financial system, which has become a cause for concern as Europe competes with Asian economies that are increasingly growing stronger.

As the EU and its transatlantic allies are both individually and collectively faced with these challenges, they must move forward with a sustainable course of action. However, will Europe be able to maintain a leading role within this community of shared values?

Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering is a German politician (CDU, European People's Party) and was president of the European Parliament from January 2007 to July 2009. He has served as president of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung since January 2010 and as a member of the European Parliament since its first elections in 1979. A former chairman of the European People's Party-European Democrats, he is also a member of the Reconciliation of European Histories group.

Thursday, October 9, 2014
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
City View Room
1957 E Street NW, 7th floor
Please RSVP at http://go.gwu.edu/poettering
This event is on the record.
Budapest Program!

The University of New Hampshire is pleased to announce the third year of its Humanities Spring Budapest Program. The program is run in conjunction with Corvinus University, one of Hungary’s finest universities, located along the banks of the Danube River and close to central Budapest. Students take courses from both UNH and Hungarian faculty and are in residence in the city from January 18 – May 13, 2015.

This spring, our program will be led by Jan Golinski, Professor of History at UNH, and the curriculum will consist of 4 courses. Please keep in mind that a 400-level course at UNH is the equivalent of a 100-level course at most institutions, a 500-level course the equivalent of a 200-level course, and so on:

- HUMA 550 Special Studies in Comparative Ideas: Modernism and Totalitarianism (4 credits)
- HUMA 551 Field Studies in Art and Culture (6 credits)
- COLA 657A Culture of Hungary and Central Europe in the 20th Century (3 credits)
- COLA 657B Hungarian History: 1848 to Present (3 credits)

For course descriptions, please visit our website: [www.unh.edu/humanities-program/budapest](http://www.unh.edu/humanities-program/budapest).

The centerpiece of the program is HUMA 551. As part of this course students will travel on program excursions around Budapest, to other important sites in Hungary, as well as to other Central European countries, such as Austria and Poland. Courses for most of the semester meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, leaving long weekends for personal travel. Since Budapest is well connected by air and train routes to many locations in Europe, most students in past years have had the opportunity to visit several other countries.

The program fee covers tuition for all courses and all costs associated with the HUMA 551 excursions aside from incidental expenses. It also covers housing in private apartments in central Budapest.

For more information, contact Lisa.Mulvey@unh.edu. The application deadline is October 15, 2014.
**The Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (DC-AAPOR) presents the**

**2014 Public Opinion Quarterly (POQ) Special Issue Conference**

**NEW DIRECTIONS IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESEARCH**

**WHEN:** Friday, October 24th, 8:30 – 5:00

**WHERE:** Barbara Jordan Conference Center 1330 G Street, NW DC

DC-AAPOR is proud to host the 8th annual Public Opinion Quarterly (POQ) Special Issue Conference. This year's conference highlights New Directions in Presidential-Election Research and features presentations by the volume's contributing authors. Topics include new methods for estimating election outcomes, the role of racial attitudes and party identification in recent elections, real-time assessments of public opinion, and more.

**Preliminary Conference Schedule**

8:30 – 9:00  
Sign-in/Coffee

9:00 – 9:05  
Welcome  
Kathy Downey, DC-AAPOR President

9:05 – 9:25  
**New Directions in Presidential-Election Research – Introductory Remarks**  
Michael Traugott, Special Issue Editor

9:25 – 10:10  
**Accuracy of Vote Expectation Surveys in Forecasting Elections**  
Andreas Graefe, LMU Munich

10:10– 10:30  
**Mid-morning Break** (refreshments served)

10:30 – 11:15  
**The RAND Continuous 2012 Presidential Election Poll**  
Arie Kapteyn, University of Southern California

11:15– 12:00  
Dean Lacy, Dartmouth College

12:00 – 1:15  
**Lunch** (on your own)

1:15 – 2:00  
**Attitudes Toward Blacks in the Obama Era: Changing Distributions and Impacts on Job Approval and Electoral Choice, 2008–2012**  
Josh Pasek, University of Michigan

2:00 – 2:45  
**Dynamics in Partisanship during American Presidential Campaigns**  
Corwin Smidt, Michigan State University

2:45 – 3:05  
**Mid-afternoon Break** (refreshments served)

3:05 – 3:50  
Philip Resnik, University of Maryland

3:50 – 4:35  
**A Multidimensional Study of Ideological Preferences and Priorities among the American Public**  
Samara Klar, University of Arizona

4:35 – 5:00  
**Floor Discussion and Closing Remarks**

NEW POSTING!!

Do you enjoy meeting new people, organizing events, and actively advancing liberty at your school? Take your leadership skills to the next level by applying to the 2015-2016 Campus Coordinator program!

SFL’s Campus Coordinators do four things: 1) assist student groups in their region, 2) establish new student groups, 3) find and mentor new pro-liberty students, and 4) assist with SFL conferences. Those accepted into the program will undergo a rigorous online training program in June and July, culminating with an all expenses paid three-day retreat (dates and locations TBD).

SFL firmly believes that college is the ideal time and place to spark a love of individual liberty and economic freedom, and CCs are a prime force for igniting that passion. Read these testimonials from former Campus Coordinators on how the program changed their lives for the better:

“I am grateful to the CC program for preparing me for my work at Cato, which allows me to advance liberty in my career.” – Nick Zaiac, the Cato Institute

“As a Campus Coordinator, I was challenged to grow professionally, academically, and personally. Not only was I empowered to focus on the inner work of personal development but also the outer work of leadership in action.” – Barbara Sostaita, Yale University

“Being a Campus Coordinator gave me the opportunity to tackle new projects or try a new initiative with a support staff that convinced me I could do things I didn’t think plausible.” – Tony Hennen

“The CC Program gave me the solid understanding of professionalism that I needed to be successful. I’m a little less fearful of the ‘real world’ knowing that my SFL family will always be there to support my endeavors and push me to do my best.” – Alex McHugh

Space is limited so apply today to join over 200 of the top student leaders from across North America in the fight for liberty!
HERA
Call for Papers
Humanities Education and Research Association
Annual Conference, 8-10 April 2015
San Francisco, CA

Beyond the Binary
(See HERA’s website for an expanded description.)
www.h-e-r-a.org/

In keeping with HERA’s mission of promoting the study of the humanities across a wide range of disciplines and interdisciplines, we invite presentations for the 2015 conference. The wide range of disciplines and areas of study for the conference include but are not limited to Aesthetics, Anthropology, Architecture, Art, Classics, Communication Studies, Composition, Cultural Studies, Dance, Design, Digital Technology, Education, Environmental Issues, Ethics, Ethnic Studies, Family, Film Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, Geology, Globalization, History, Languages, Literature, Media, Museum Studies, Music, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sexuality, Sociology, Theater and all sciences relevant to the topic.

Creative presentations, readings, and exhibitions are also welcomed. Submissions are encouraged from educators at all levels (including advanced graduate students) as well as all those with an interest in the arts and humanities. Proposals for papers, panels, or workshops must be submitted through the conference web portal on the HERA website at www.h-e-r-a.org. Deadline for submission: no later than October 24, 2014.

Questions may be directed to the conference organizers, Marcia Green (mgreen@sfsu.edu), Sarita Cannon (sncannon@hotmail.com), and Geoffrey Green (ggreen@sfsu.edu)

Presentation time for individual papers is limited to 15-20 minutes.
Internships

NEW POSTING!!

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of Presidential Correspondence

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Office of Presidential Correspondence facilitates an open dialogue between the President and the American people. The office’s mission is to listen to and understand the stories and concerns of the American people, and to connect the President with experiences and ideas from across our country.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
Send your resume and statement of interest to
OFCStudentVolunteers@who.com.gov

Applicants should be:
US citizens
At least 18 years of age
Currently enrolled or recently completed a degree seeking program
Commited to public service

For more information about the Office and some of its work, please visit
NEW POSTING!!

Congressional Research Internship:

Dynetics, Inc. is seeking candidates for an unpaid, for-credit internship in our Washington, DC regional office for the Spring Semester. Candidates should be in their junior or senior year of college or in graduate school, preferably majoring in political science, government, or a related field.

This opportunity will provide the intern with an understanding of the operation of the congressional authorization and appropriations processes in general and the procedures of the defense oversight committees in particular through research and analysis of the annual defense budget as it progresses through Congress.

Dynetics is a Federal Government contractor headquartered in Huntsville, AL that specializes in national security and aerospace programs. This position will support the Congressional Analysis Team (CAT) based out of Arlington, VA near the Crystal City Metro station. The Dynetics CAT supports numerous Department of Defense (DoD) users with congressional affairs tracking and reporting on defense issues in the Senate and House of Representatives.

The intern will be expected to report to the Dynetics office at least twice a week through the period of the internship. Duties will include tracking relevant press releases and speeches from Members of Congress, writing summaries of congressional hearings, and tracking the DoD budget. The intern will work closely with the CAT, composed of former Capitol Hill staffers, and will gain keen insight into congressional and DoD processes, structures, and personalities.

Applicants should apply on the Dynetics website, www.dynetics.com/careers. Select “Login” and then “create new account.” Once the account is created and you have completed a profile you can select the Congressional Research Internship position listed under the Arlington VA location to apply. Please email any questions to jobs@dynetics.com with Congressional Intern Opportunity in the subject line.
NEW POSTING!!

Join a fast growing Democratic political consulting firm specializes in winning campaigns, at every level, domestically and internationally. Feldman Deeter Strategies prides itself on its hands-on approach with clients and its focus on developing an effective message and communication strategy that is strategically targeted to the right voters, expanding political networks, and building high quality events.

Internship Description
Have a unique opportunity to work directly with the principals of the firm
Have an opportunity to work on assignments for a variety of different clients, including statewide campaigns and congressional campaigns
Interns will have draft memos, conduct research, produce news clips, attend events on behalf of clients and more

Qualified Candidates
Self motivated individuals who can work independently
Candidates must be able to complete tasks in a timely and efficient manor
Campaign experience and/or Hill experience is a plus
Experience writing email blasts and press releases is a plus

To apply please send a resume and cover letter to info@FeldmanStrategies.com

Rep. Grijalva Accepting Applications for Spring Internships
Deadline to apply is December 12, 2014

Interns in the Washington office work closely with legislative and communications staff, answer office phones, distribute mail, and communicate with constituents. Preference is given to students and individuals from Arizona’s 3rd Congressional District, although all qualified applicants are carefully considered. Interns are unpaid and are responsible for lodging and transportation. Applicants are highly encouraged to explore scholarship opportunities that may be offered through their respective institutions or by other programs.

Anyone interested in working in the Washington, D.C. office should submit a cover letter, resume, and a one-page writing sample to Cristina Villa, Rep. Grijalva’s internship coordinator, at Cristina.Villa@mail.house.gov.
Intern with Senator Blumenthal!

Senator Blumenthal’s Senate Internship Program provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn and serve through first-hand participation in government services and the legislative process in both our Hartford and Washington, D.C. offices. The program is intended to provide participants with the tools, skills, and experience that they can readily apply to future challenges and professional pursuits. We expect a great deal from our interns. Candidates will have a diverse, challenging experience and make a genuine contribution to Senator Blumenthal’s work on behalf of Connecticut and the nation.

We welcome all applicants who have demonstrated academic excellence and have displayed a commitment to public service. While preference is given to Connecticut residents, students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

This program is designed to enhance a course of study for an undergraduate or graduate student. The level of work is appropriate for students who have completed their first or second year at a college or university. On the whole, the goal is to offer as rewarding an experience as possible, while fulfilling the existing needs of the office.

The deadline for the Spring 2015 internship program is November 1st. Our application can be found online at: https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/services/internships/

Please submit all of the following to BlumenthalDCInternships @blumenthal.senate.gov for consideration:

- the completed application (see URL above)
- a current resume
- one-page statement of intent
- writing sample (500 words or fewer)
- three references, and
- a school transcript (unofficial is acceptable).

Intern Coordinator - Khaliyl Lane P:(202) 224-2823
Desired Start Date – 1/14/15
NEW POSTING!!

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SPRING 2015 STUDENT INTERNSHIP
WITH STIPEND

The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (D.C. HSEMA) is a unique and dynamic organization dedicated to protecting against, planning for, responding to, and recovering from natural and man-made hazards. The internship program will provide real-world knowledge and experience in emergency management and homeland security efforts. A $1,200 stipend will be given to selected interns for the duration of the internship.
*In order to receive the full stipend, the student intern must work 40 hours per week.

We are seeking current graduate AND undergraduate students who are interested in or who are majoring in the following or similar field(s):

- Cybersecurity
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Management
- Homeland Security
- Information Technology
- Intelligence Analysis
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Public Administration/Policy
- Public Communication/Relations

Duration of Internship: January 5, 2015 - May 15, 2015

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 4:30PM
(Subject to change based on specific D.C. HSEMA placement)

How to Apply:
Send the following information in one PDF document:
* Cover letter
* Two writing samples (maximum of 8 pages per writing sample)
* Resume
* Copy of valid driver’s license or state issued I.D.
* Four letters of recommendation (2 academic, 1 personal, 1 employer)

HSEMA.INTERNSHIP@DC.GOV

The application deadline is November 3, 2014.
Spring 2015 INTERNSHIPS

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is a research center, based at the University of Maryland, committed to the scientific study of the causes and human consequences of terrorism in the United States and around the world as well as related topics. START experts apply a range of research methods to the exploration of these questions in order to deliver findings based on the best available open-source evidence and data. At the heart of START’s work are the principles that the research it is conducting must be both scientifically rigorous and directly relevant to homeland security professionals. START is a Center of Excellence supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and also receives funding and support from a variety of Federal agencies, private foundations, and universities.

The Internship Program

START offers unpaid internship experiences on many of its large-scale research projects, including START's flagship research project, the Global Terrorism Database, with the center’s Unconventional Weapons and Technology program as well as our HQ support teams such as Communications and Education. Throughout the course of their internship, participants are exposed to the most up-to-date theories, methods and information relating to the study of terrorism. They are versed in critical questions being tackled by homeland security practitioners, policy makers and researchers, and they are mentored in a successful, professional environment. The Internship program is open to undergraduates and graduate students (as well as some recent graduates) in any related discipline from any institution. Interns typically work onsite at START headquarters and often receive academic credit for their participation. Each internship lasts for one semester (or summer term). Participants work at least 10 hours/week during the fall and spring semesters and 20 hours/week during the summer. Interns also participate in a program of enrichment and career development activities and receive mentoring from START researchers and staff.

Why choose an internship at START?

• Experience working with a large team of dynamic and experienced researchers.
• Exposure to cutting edge theories and methods.
• Deepen your understanding of current issues in terrorism and homeland security.
• Work on projects of immediate interest to the practitioner and policy community.
• Hone and develop a range of transferrable skills attractive to future employers.
• Opportunity to work with and meet other students and researchers with similar interests.
• Enrichment activities offering wide opportunities for learning and personal growth.
• Mentorship from START staff and researchers in a successful professional environment.
• Internships can be undertaken for academic credit.

General requirements

Applicants for all internships must:
• Have a good academic record.
• Demonstrate an interest in the subject matter.
• Be able to complete their internship work hours at the location listed in the description.
• Agree to attend orientation and training.
• Submit an application by the deadline, all application packets must include:
  - A complete application for the correct semester.
  - One page resume.
  - Cover letter.
  - Writing sample.
  - Unofficial transcripts.

Each project may have additional requirements, including minimum credit hours, preferred majors and compulsory meeting times.

For specific requirements and information visit: www.start.umd.edu

See reverse list of Spring 2015 internships

Global Terrorism Database (GTD)

The GTD is an open source, unclassified database including information on terrorist attacks around the world since 1970 (continuously updated through 2013). The database is maintained by researchers at START. The GTD includes systematic data on domestic as well as international terrorist incidents that have occurred during this time period and now includes over 113,000 cases. The GTD intern team is organized into the following themes:

- Incident Location and Geographic Identification
- Perpetrator Identification
- Target Identification
- Tactic Identification
- Understanding the Patterns and Cycles of Weapons and Tactics
- Trajectories of Terrorism - Casualties and Outcomes
- The Motives of Terrorism
- Countering Extremism (General)

Naval Research Laboratory Adversarial Modeling and Exploitation Office

The NRL has a number of ongoing research projects related to counter-terrorism, behavior detection, law enforcement, crime analysis, and geopolitical analysis. The use of information by law enforcement, often called data driven policing, is an ever evolving and expanding field.

Risk Communication & Community Resilience Team

Government, non-profit, and other organizations rely on public communication to deliver important messages to various audiences. Professional communicators today use social scientific research to improve this process, and START’s research team have several current and upcoming communication projects that address current research questions. Risk communication is important for delivering messages about impending storms, terrorist attacks, public health crises, and more. Interns working on this team will support several ongoing research projects as well as new projects.

State Department Terrorist Organizations Project

Projects will include collecting the number and type of attacks against foreign targets, and possibly even modeling group capacity out into the future. Interns will also provide assistance in researching open-source information on the leadership of some groups for possible future designations.

Geographical Information Systems

The GIS team currently has opportunities for interns with previous GIS experience or coursework to work alongside our researchers on various projects with a GIS component.

Propaganda Analysis

This project involves the analysis of several thousand transcripts of terrorist propaganda videos produced by Al Qaeda and Al Qaeda affiliate groups.

Database

Interns for this project will learn about terrorism-related data through archiving and data entry and help maintain and update the START database.

How to apply

Priority Deadline: Midnight Sunday 10/26
Final Deadline: Midnight Sunday 11/9
Applicants must submit an application through the online application system. Go to www.start.umd.edu/careers to apply.

Unconventional Weapons and Technology

The Unconventional Weapons and Technology program consists of a number of initiatives, short-term research projects, focused on research topics within the larger study of terrorism and politically violent non-state actors. Internships are available in the following focus areas:

- General CBIR Terrorism & Advanced Research
- Terrorist Ideology
- Open Source Intelligence on Organized Crime
- Understanding Domestic Radicalization
- Risk Assessment and Threat Analysis
- CBIR Database Coding
- Individual Radicalization of Kinship/Communities
- Global Nuclear Detection and Security
- Nuclear Security and Smuggling

Government Actions in Terror Environments (GATE)

While policymakers increasingly recognize the importance of non-military counterterrorism tools in addition to military ones, it is not yet known which type of government actions are effective, and when they might be more effective than sticks in defeating terrorist groups. Interns working on this project will gain a better understanding of the terrorist conflict in the US and across specific regions of the world.

Communications Team

START communications and translation team is seeking interns to assist with START’s communication and products. Intern, responsibilities will vary but may include: writing and editing press releases and featured stories, planning and attending events, creating media kits, developing and tracking media lists and monitoring social media.

Strategic Military Assessment and Research (SMART) Projects

SMART projects focus on the relationships of violent non-state actors (terrorist, pirates, etc.) and state authorities to analyze their patterns of interaction and strategies of violence. Our regional focus this semester is West Africa (Niger, Senegal, Chad, and the Gulf of Guinea region. The SMART internship is designed to help train its participants in team research design and writing techniques. Interns, by the conclusion of the internship, will have invaluable experience with data cleaning, data visualization, basic statistical coding/cloud-based file sharing, copy-editing and the preparation of articles for academic publication.

Cross-National Analysis of Values in the Middle East

Participants will be introduced to the values surveys carried out in the Middle East in recent years, focusing on cross-national and individual variation in values from extremism to liberalism.

How to apply

Priority Deadline: Midnight Sunday 10/26
Final Deadline: Midnight Sunday 11/9
Applicants must submit an application through the online application system. Go to www.start.umd.edu/careers to apply.