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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Washington DC Policy Design Studio & Internship Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What will I be doing on the program?

You will live in Washington DC during the fall or spring semester and intern four days a week at an organization of interest to you (options include, but are not limited to, the White House, Supreme Court, Congress, government departments and agencies, law firms, lobbying and consulting firms, media outlets, museums, think tanks, and non-profit organizations). Once a week, you will participate in a seminar at the McCain Institute in which you will research solutions to real world foreign policy issues. You will also have the opportunity to visit government agencies, historical sites, and network with professionals from a number of different fields.

#### Does this program work with my program?

Yes, this is a great resume building and networking opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students in any program. You will gain invaluable, hands-on work experience. Other benefits include obtaining strong letters of recommendation from internship supervisors and potential job offers. Undergraduate students receive six credits of POS 484: ASU-McCain DC Internship, three credits of POS 484: McCain Institute Internship, and three credits of POS 494: McCain Institute Policy Design, which can count toward upper division major and/or general elective requirements. These credits can also count toward a minor and/or certificate offered through the School of Politics and Global Studies. To learn more, visit <https://pgs.clas.asu.edu/content/minors-certificates>. Graduate students receive six credits of POS 598: ASU-McCain DC Internship and three credits of POS 494: McCain Institute Policy Design.

#### Am I eligible to participate in the program?

Students from any undergraduate or graduate program are eligible. Undergraduate students must have a 3.0 ASU GPA and 60 hours of completed coursework by the semester in which they wish to participate. Transfer students should contact Dr. Richard Herrera at [richard.herrera@asu.edu](mailto:richard.herrera@asu.edu) for exceptions.

#### How do I apply?

Click on the *Apply Now* link on our website, which will direct you to the Study Abroad Office application. In addition to the application, you will need to upload an unofficial transcript and clear scans of your student ID and government issued ID. You will also need to submit two recommendation forms (accessible via the Study Abroad application) from academic and/or professional references. Applicants are charged a non-refundable \$50 application fee. Once applications are reviewed, students who meet the program criteria are interviewed by a selection committee.

#### When do I need to apply for the program?

- Spring 2017- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (priority application deadline)
- Fall 2017- TBD

#### What are the program dates?

- Spring 2017- January 7<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Fall 2017- TBD

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**Am I responsible for finding my own internship?**

In order for you to have an experience in Washington DC that best fits your unique interests, background, and skills, we require that you secure your own internship. We have a number of resources and connections to organizations in DC which we will provide to help you through the process and ensure you find an internship that is a good fit. If you are interested in interning at a high security agency, please contact Rebecca Lish at [rebecca.lish@asu.edu](mailto:rebecca.lish@asu.edu) about beginning the application process. These agencies have early application deadlines.

**What is the program fee? What does this include?**

The Spring 2017 program fee is \$5,435. This includes housing and program related excursions. The Fall 2017 program fee is TBD.

**What additional costs am I responsible for?**

You are responsible for paying ASU tuition and student fees, airfare, transportation costs, daily meals, personal expenses, health insurance, and non-program related optional excursions. Once confirmed for the program, a \$200 refundable housing deposit is due. Note that living expenses are somewhat higher in Washington DC than in Tempe.

**Are there scholarships available? Can my financial aid be applied toward these costs?**

Scholarships may be available for students with unmet financial need. Students must be admitted to the program and have a complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file in order to be considered for these scholarships. Financial aid and many ASU and private donor scholarships may also be applied toward program costs. Visit [pgs.clas.asu.edu/mccain](http://pgs.clas.asu.edu/mccain) for additional information.

**Where will I be living?**

You will live in Washington Intern Student Housing at Woodley Park ([wishwoodleypark.com](http://wishwoodleypark.com)). The apartments house six students each and have three bedrooms and two bathrooms. All apartments are furnished and include utilities, AC, wireless internet, cable TV, cookware and dishware. WISH amenities also include daily maintenance, on-site staff, a computer lab, and access to social events. The apartments are centrally located, two blocks from the National Zoo and two blocks from the Metro. They are also one Metro stop from Dupont Circle, three stops from downtown Washington DC and the White House, and six stops from Capitol Hill.

**Where can I find more information about the program?**

- Visit [pgs.clas.asu.edu/mccain](http://pgs.clas.asu.edu/mccain) for program details.
- Visit [mccaininstitute.org](http://mccaininstitute.org) for more information about the McCain Institute for International Leadership.
- Attend an info session in September (for the spring program) or March (for the fall program) on the Tempe campus.

**I have additional questions, who can I talk to?**

Please contact Dr. Richard Herrera at [richard.herrera@asu.edu](mailto:richard.herrera@asu.edu) or 480-965-1331.